Get Crunked

New coach takes girls to state

Up, up, and away! Junior Theresa Lisch catches some air while shooting a basket at state against Paris high school. Theresa finished the season with a total of 642 points.

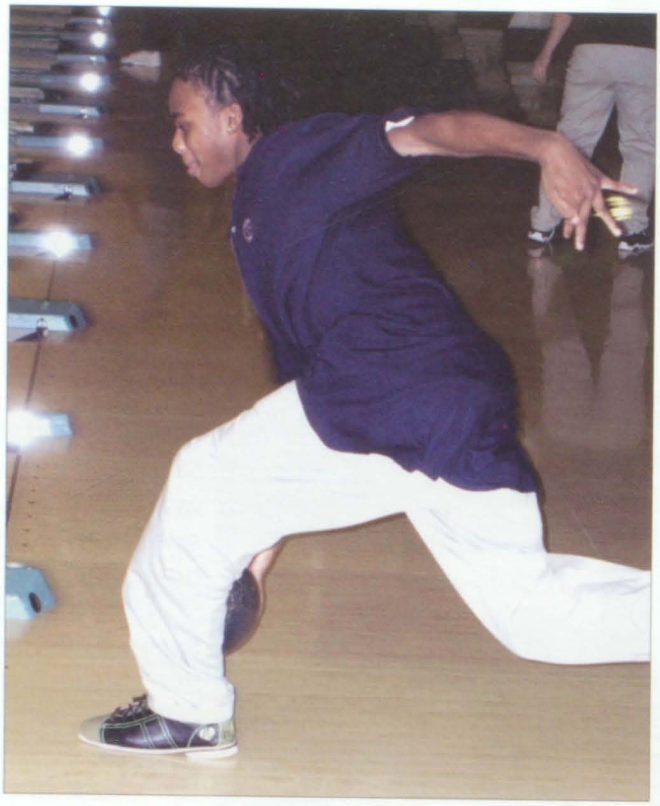
Though they began the season with a rough start, the girls basketball team stepped it up about a month into the season with sixteen consecutive wins. To add to their success the girls finished fourth in the Mascoutah Holiday Tournament, went undefeated in the South Seven Conference, became regional, sectional, and super sectional champions, and placed third at state. In a turn of events however, Chicago Hope, the second place team, had to forfeit their trophy because they played one too many regular season games. This changed the girls' record from 24-6 to 25-5. Theresa Lisch, who was named first team All-State, declared, "State was a great experience, and I can't wait to go back next year."

Only losing one senior this year, LaShawndra Harris, the team and coaches, which include newcomer varsity coach Lori Crunk and freshman coach Jill Buckman, look forward to improving over the next year. Although they only had one senior, underclassmen Alisha Goodwin, Theresa Lisch, and Michelle Mabry stepped up. Junior varsity coach Jill Dalke remarked, "We had a great season and a spectacular finish. We look forward to next season with high hopes."

Breakaway. Freshman Amy Gaertner makes a quick break for the basket during a home game against Alton. Amy stated, "This basketball season was awesome, and I can't wait till next season."

Team! The varsity girl's basketball team performs a pre-game ritual at the state competition. Before every game the girls huddled together in a circle on the court to pray and have a pep talk.

Ready... set... bowl! Freshman Alonzo Matthews gets ready to release his bowling ball. As the ball glides down the alley he prays it goes anywhere except the gutter. When asked how he liked the bowling team he replied, "It was decent. I mean we had our good days and our bad."



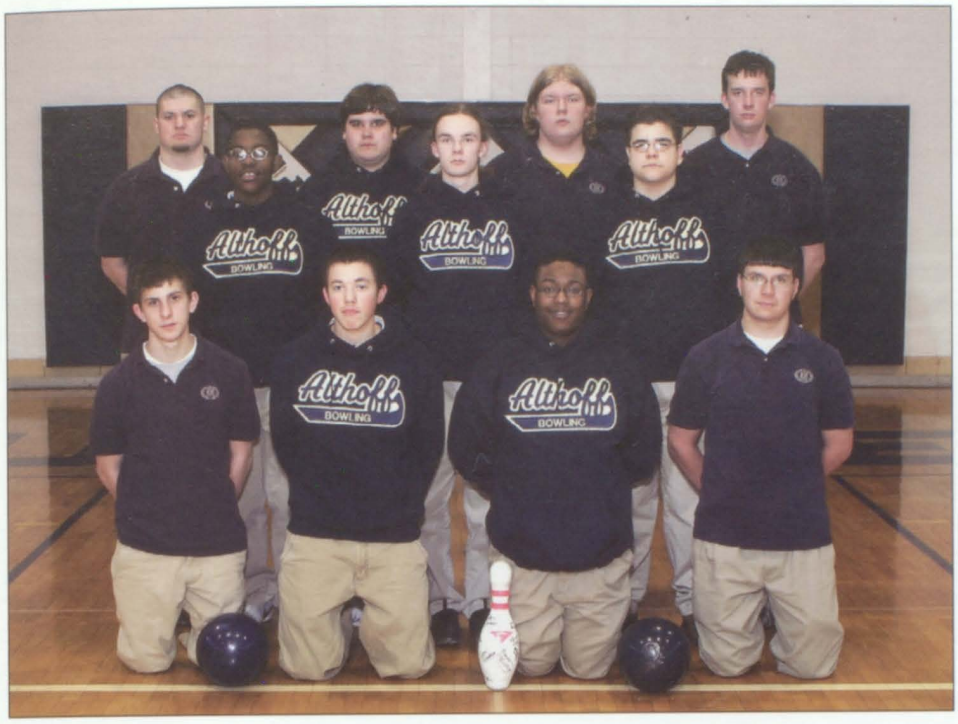
Smile! Junior varsity bowlers Carissa Wilson, Kate Schmidt, Dawn Gray, Rachel Schmidt, and Brinkley Cox strut their stuff at a bowling match. Even though they didn't win every game the girls became great friends and made lasting memories.

You WANT Three Strikes in this Game

Althoff bowlers take to the lanes

Unlike baseball, where three strikes mean you are out, in bowling it is a different situation. Although some might not consider bowling a sport, try and top these varsity individual averages, without using the bumpers. For the boys, Robert Gulledge, the veteran bowler on the team and one of only two seniors, posted the highest average of 181.5, while junior Zac Neumann averaged a 179.5. Sophomore Abbey Fritz posted the best average for the girls with a 130.7. Hot on Abbey's heels however, came junior Bailey Tantsits with a 128.5.

The varsity boys' overall record stood at 2 and 12 for matches and 12 and 58 for games. In their division they finished in eighth place. They also finished eighth at sectionals. The varsity girls posted a 2 and 12 record for matches and 10 and 60 for games. Like the boys, they too finished eighth in their division but finished sixteenth at sectionals. Rachel Allen said, "I've had lots of fun on the bowling team the past four years. Even though we weren't that great, we made the most of it." Coach Christy Gundlach stated, "We are only losing two seniors to graduation, so we look optimistically to next year's season."



Boys Bowling
Front Row: Tom vanBrecht, Adam Davinroy, Kris Tate, Kevin Bouse.
Second Row: Jeremy Patterson, Bob Gulledge, Bobby Schmittling.
Back Row: Brandon Mayberry, David Bennett, Zac Neumann, Brad Beebe.

Varsity Boys

Freeburg-W
Columbia-L
Wesclin-L
Cahokia-L
Lebanon-L
Waterloo-L
Gibault-L
Waterloo-L
Cahokia-L
Freeburg-L
Wesclin-W
Lebanon-L
Columbia-L
Gibault-L

Girls Bowling
Front Row: Morgan Buchanan, Carissa Wilson, Kristen Evans, Catherine DeDominick.
Second Row: Brinkley Cox, Abbey Fritz, Dawn Gray.
Back Row: Kate Schmidt, Rachel Allen, Bailey Tansits, Rachel Schmidt.

Varsity Girls

Freeburg-L
Columbia-L
Wesclin-L
Cahokia-L
Lebanon-L
Waterloo-W
Gibault-L
Waterloo-L
Cahokia-L
Freeburg-L
Wesclin-L
Lebanon-W
Columbia-L
Gibault-L

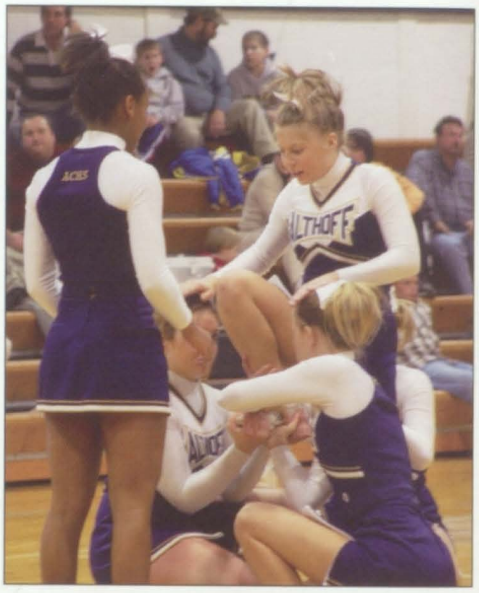
Cheerleaders Hard at Work

Encouraging the team and exciting the crowd

Let's go! Junior Mo Kuebel cheers for the Crusaders during a basketball game. These ladies provided entertainment for the crowds at the basketball game both before tip off and during time outs.

"Althoff what?!" This was a common cheer phrase heard throughout the football and basketball seasons. This group of talented cheerleaders did a lot more than pep up the crowd and players. In April the girls began their season with tryouts; soon after that, long practices began which lasted through the summer. The squad was lead by Coach Toni Hampton and four senior captains: Ashley Beckett, Jill Bollinger, Samantha Wilkins, and Sharronda Williams. Right before the school year started, the girls geared up for another exciting football season. They followed the boys to every game, home and away, rain or shine. As the football season wound down the cheerleaders' season was only halfway finished.

The girls cheered through out the basketball season and into their own competition season. In the first competition of the year at Highland, the girls scored high enough to advance into the state competition. Soon after, they had one more competition in Mt. Vernon to prepare for state. The girls kept up their hard work and dedication until their long season ended in early March at the state competition in Springfield. "Going to state was definitely a new experience, and knowing that you worked for this all year, it was exciting to show it off!" sophomore Kelly Martini remarked on the end of the season.



Going up! This stunt group gets ready to put their flier in the air during the senior night. Completing a stunt required very much trust between teammates; it took the effort of the whole group to make sure no one got hurt.

Give me an 'A'... Sophomore Kaitlin Witte yells to the crowd encouraging the fans to join in. The girls often cheered toward the crowd to pump up the fans.

cheer-

v. to cheer

1. to instill with hope or courage
2. to encourage with or as if with cheers; urge

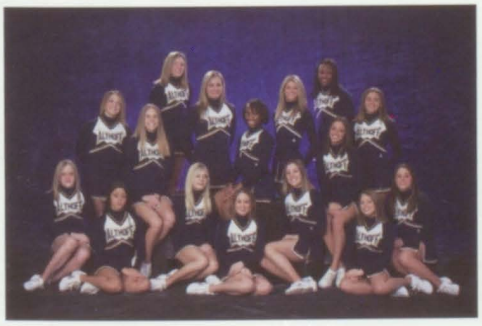
n. cheer, cheers, cheering

1. a shout of approval, encouragement, or congratulation
2. a short, rehearsed jingle or phrase, shouted in unison by a squad of cheerleaders

"It is really exciting to watch the crowd and know that you are leading everyone to show school spirit."

- Junior Erin Plotner

Strike a pose. These highflying ladies strike a pose at the end of their cheer. The cheerleaders performed alongside the pom pons during the fight song at home basketball and football games.



Varsity
Front Row: Kelly Martini, Ellen Hope, Katlyn Lauf, Erin Plotner, Mo Kuebel, Kaitlin Witte, Jennifer Baudendistel
Second Row: Kelly Hagen, Stephanie Feldker, Jill Bollinger, Samantha Wilkins, Ashley Beckett, Chelsea Moosa, Amy Karfs
Back Row: Lauren Crean, Sharronda Williams

Junior Varsity
Front Row: Whitney Brockman, Lauren Eichenseer, Ashley Schandl
Back Row: Catherine Gavin, Amanda Muller, Kim Brown, Megan Mory, Kim Perry

A Continuation of Excellence...

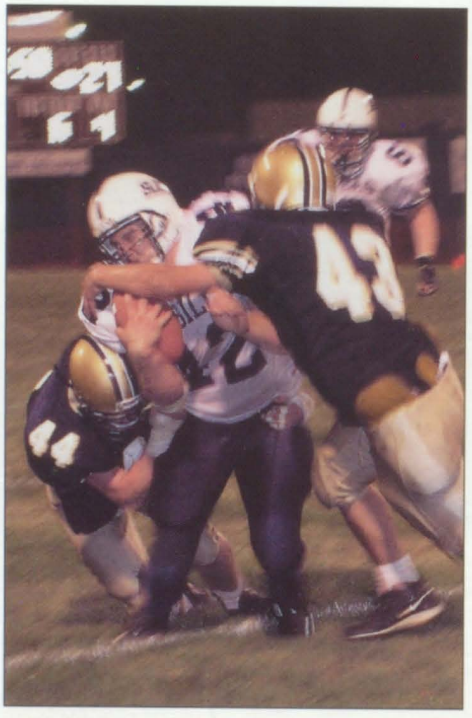
Triad W 20-19 • West W 34-30 • SLUH W 28-27 • Mt Vernon W 28-21 • Centralia W 40-0 • Marion W 48-8 • Carbondale W 35-12 • Cahokia L 28-34 • Streator W 21-7 • Effingham W 48-13 • Cahokia W 38-12 • Jacksonville L 20-35

10-1

The 2004 season ignited with optimism for the Crusaders varsity football team. On the heels of two undefeated regular seasons in '02 and '03, the boys were determined to continue the tradition of excellence. Though this season did not bring a state championship, the Crusaders accomplished what they set out to do: continue the superiority. The talent on the team proved endless, and the strong determination to win was infinite. The Crusaders performed at their best throughout the entire season and never failed to bring excitement to all the fans in the stadium.

The season opened with a nail-biter versus Triad, but in the end the Crusaders prevailed. The team then bested the city rival, Belleville West. In another close game, SLUH became the third victim of the Crusader stampede. The team carried their winning record throughout the season and had high hopes for completing yet another undefeated season, but they lost in a hard-fought battle to conference rivals, the Cahokia Comanches.

The Crusaders then headed into the playoffs with confidence of making it to the state championship. They put the Streator and Effingham teams out of contention with ease and moved onto a rematch versus Cahokia. The Crusaders perfectly executed this game and defeated the Comanches 38-12. With an impressive 10-1 record, the team traveled to Jacksonville. An onside kick recovery sparked a late-game comeback and brought momentum to the Crusaders, but it was not enough for the win. The team ended yet another remarkable season with an impressive record of only two losses overshadowed by an astonishing ten wins.



Defensive dominance! Juniors Mike Raney and Eric Frazier work together to crush a SLUH opponent. Mike and Eric were dominant forces on defense with 135 and 95 tackles, respectively.

Flying freshman! Freshman Jason Ford careens downfield weaving through and sometimes over defenders. Opponents feared Jason with his impressive total of over 1700 rushing yards throughout the full '04 campaign.

Varsity
First Row: M. Raney, J. Raney, R. Pierce, R. Madlock, D. Meile, T. Maness, A. Willard, D. DeFoe
Second Row: B. Tyler, B. Guignon, J. Schmidt, A. Thouvenot, B. Judkins, N. Young, A. Beabout
Third Row: Coach Turner, N. Dusek, J. Gehrs, L. Cherry, C. Thompson, D. Kroot, C. Sonnenberg, L. Gehrs, A.J. Gass, Coach Betz
Fourth Row: D. Cannady, A. Winning, J. Schaefer, J. Larson, E. Frazier, N. Nelson, C. Sonnenberg, S. Finch, B. Butz, Coach Schott
Fifth Row: Coach Eschmann, C. Richter, J. Barger, J. Blassie, M. Blassie, D. Winter, D. Fink, C. Beaston, D. Sims
Sixth Row: C. Schmidt, Coach Striebel, N. Schaefer, D. Fullmer, A. Siegel, Z. Umperovich, P. Gehrs, A. Lanter, Coach Fahmer, J. Schmidt

Sophomore
First Row: T. Lloyd, T. Taylor, Z. Schmidt, M. Beabout, J. Schaefer
Second Row: R. Adams, G. Blome, N. Young, J. Massey
Third Row: J. Murray, A. Brown, D. Winter, D. Johnson, N. Young
Fourth Row: P. Gehrs, J. Raney, A. Siegel, B. Reeder

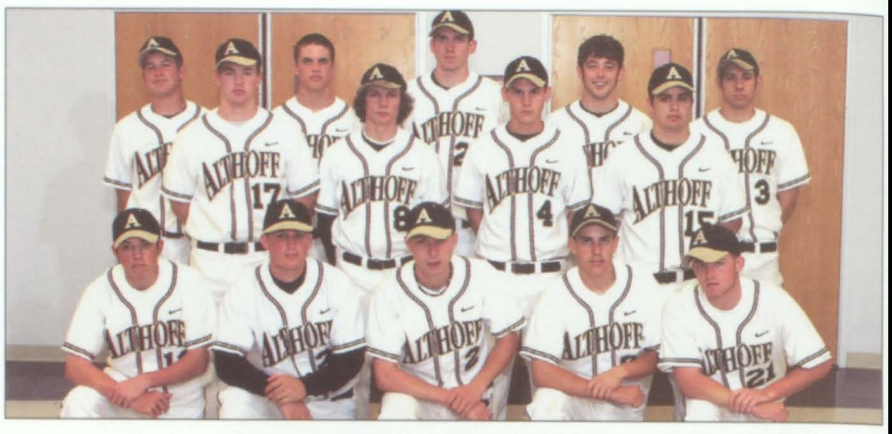
Freshmen
First Row: T. Frazier, K. Barringer, M. Robinson, B. Katt, Z. Moosa, J. Sauerwein, D. Pearson
Second Row: P. Lariviere, N. Thouvenot, M. Shadwick, T. Davis, G. Krause, C. Hanger, B. Tyler
Third Row: D.J. Bentivoglio, K. Borowski, M. Edelman, A. Quinn, A. Henderson, E. Neville
Fourth Row: P. Blassie, S. Ebel, A. Matthews, S. Sheridan, A. Wright, C.J. Garmon
Fifth Row: B. Klene, B. Matthews, T. Jackson, B. French, P. Young, K. Geolat, B. Fairbairn

Batter Up

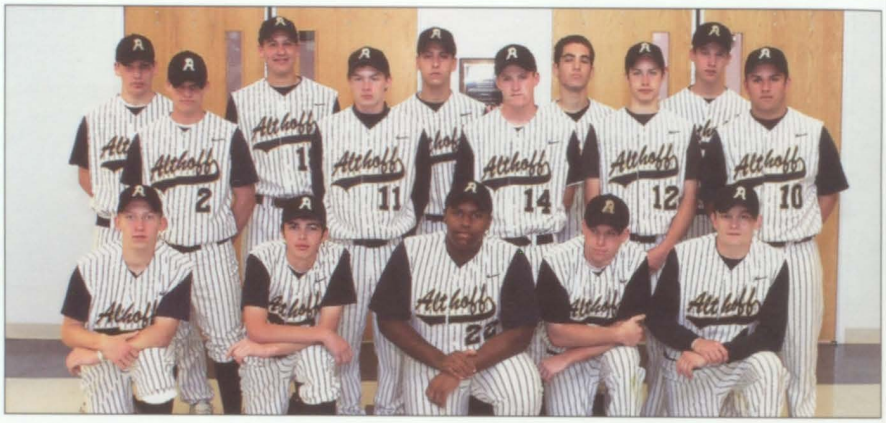
Crusader baseball steals their way to the top

Crusader baseball began practicing full-force in early March under the coaching instruction of Mr. Brent Isaacs and Mr. Ken Turner. With a close loss for their first game, the team had to "step up to the plate." As the season progressed, their early losses were smothered and overpowered by the teams' numerous victories. Junior Jared Mueth commented, "The team was a little shaky at first, but after a lot of hard work and participation from everyone on the team we were able to show our competitors that our team would be a challenge to beat." Jared's quote proved to be true when the Crusaders finished second in their conference.

Senior Charlie Donze led the team with 22 out of the team's impressive 109 stolen bases. With a close second to Donze, senior Jacob Gehrs stole 20 bases. This year the team tied the ten-year-old record for the season's total stolen bases. Seniors were not the only ones to demonstrate remarkable skill. Junior pitcher Jared Mueth led the team with a 6-1 record and a 2.20 Earned Run Average. Sophomore Marcus Hustedde batted a .369 average and knocked-out three home runs. With a promising future team, Coach Isaacs looks forward to progress next year.



Varsity
Front Row: Adam Davinroy, Mike Kelley, Jared Mueth, Marcus Hustedde, Brandon Svec
Second Row: Justin Schmidt, Charlie Donze, Jon Friederich, Eric Frazier
Back Row: Tom Kelley, Dale Fink, Ryan Gore, Devin Sims, Adam Thouvenot
Not Pictured: Coach Isaacs and Coach Turner



Sophomore
Front Row: Greg Blome, Stefan Albers, Ricky Adams, Andrew Brown, Josh Raney
Second Row: Josh Schaefer, David O'Connell, Scott Johnston, Nick Wehrle, Ben Reeder
Back Row: Adam Gass, Andrew Siegel, Kyle Mertens, Alex Bassett, Steve Kosydor

Freshman
Front Row: John Merritt, Derek Bartsch, Andy Bassett, Kevin Borawski, Dalton Bentivoglio
Second Row: Coach Tim Quirin, Aaron Bergmann, Greg Krause, Kyle Witte, Anthony Quinn, Coach Jim Quirin
Back Row: Tim Frazier, Jordan Donze, Brett Huber, Kyle Geolat, Pat Blassie

Around the Bases

Crusaders swing, slide, and stride into home

Marion 1-2 ▪CBC 2-6 ▪Centralia 3-2 ▪Waterloo 7-5 ▪ Alton 7-6 ▪ Carbondale 10-11, 8-2 ▪ Mascoutah 11-8 ▪ Alton Marquette 12-7 ▪ New Athens 4-3 ▪ Freeburg 9-2, 2-5 ▪ Breese Central 6-3 ▪Mount Vernon 12-6, 5-0 ▪ Nashville 5-1 ▪ Centralia 4-1 ▪ Belleville West 13-10, 3-4▪ Roxana 6-5, 7-0 ▪ Mater Dei 2-5 ▪ Highland 0-6 ▪ Granite City 4-3 ▪ Triad 1-7 ▪Cahokia 15-3, 9-3 ▪ Marion 6-5 ▪ Belleville East 5-8 ▪ O'Fallon 3-2 ▪ Okawville 6-5

21-10

Adam Gass

Pat Blassie

Derek Bartsch

Jared Mueth

Mike Kelley

Marcus Husteddde

Jordan Donze

Coach Turner & Coach Isaacs

Eric Frazier

Lafayette-L ▪ Kirkwood- L ▪ DeSmet-L ▪ West-W ▪ CBC- L ▪ Edwardsville-W ▪ Parkway Central-L ▪ Vianney-L ▪ Hazelwood Central-W ▪ Chaminade-L ▪ Granite City-L ▪ SLUH-L ▪ O'Fallon-W ▪ Rockwood Summit-W ▪ St. Marys-W ▪ DeSmet MV-TCHA ▪ Alton –W ▪ Granite City-L ▪ Francis Howell Central-W ▪ CBC-L ▪ Pattonville-W ▪ DeSmet-L ▪ Belleville East-W ▪ Vianney-T ▪ SLUH-L ▪ Wentzville-L ▪ Fort Zumwalt South-L ▪ Chaminade-L ▪ Summit-W ▪ Summit-W ▪ Westminster-W ▪ Westminster-W ▪ John Burroughs-W ▪ John Burroughs-L ▪

Icy pursuit. Freshman Brian Westerheide skates towards the puck. Brian, one of the four freshman on the team this year has been playing for eight years.

Front Row: Dennis Martinez, Greg Krause, Nick Wehrle, Nick Mersinger, Elliot Schmidt Brian Westerheide, Logan Von Bokel, Mark Beabout.
Back Row: Coach Tom Davis, Jared Mueth, Pete Kassly, John Davis, Charlie Donze, Zach Yauch, Bret Morrell, Dave O'Connell, Derek Bartsch, Jordan Donze, Austin Wolf, Coach Mike Schmidt.

Rulers of the Rink

"Check" Out Crusader Hockey

Dedication, a lot of sweat, and love for the game was the basis for the Crusaders' success on the ice. The hockey season went well for the boys who ended the season with 15 wins, 8 losses, and two ties. For the sixth consecutive year the team beat West and East capturing the Belleville city championship. The boys came close to a chance at the Mid-States High School Championship Wickenheiser Cup losing in the semi final round to John Burroughs High School. The team worked hard this season and the grueling practices were led by Coach Chuck Donze. "We had tough practices once a week and scenarios at them really prepared us for situations at games," said sophomore Mark Beabout. Senior captains Bret Morrell and Charlie Donze lead and encouraged their teammates. Senior Zach Yauch helped as an assistant captain. These three accomplished the honor of the top scorers of the year- Zach with 22 goals, Charlie with 19, and Bret with 16. Another honor, Bret and Charlie were named to the Mid-States Senior All Star Team. "The fan support was excellent this season and we couldn't have asked for better fans," Mark said in regards to the amazing cheering group that came to almost every game pumping up the crowd and team. The coach and boys were happy with how the season ended and hope to have another successful year next year. Beabout remarked, "With all the returning sophomores and the incoming freshmen, next year should be another awesome year!"

Keeping your goals in perspective. The defense works to keep the other team from scoring. This year junior Nick Mersinger, with a .875 save percentage, and sophomore Elliot Schmidt, with a .830 save percentage, shared goaltending duties.

Defense! Senior Austin Wolf waits for the puck to come back to the defensive end. Austin played the defense position exceptionally well making him a great asset to the team.

Facing your foe. Junior Andrew George prepares for a face off. There was a face off starting each period, after every goal is scored, and after every whistle.

Staying in control. Senior Bret Morrell keeps the puck away from an opponent. Brett helped the team score forty-five points this season and was third in scoring in the Metro Catholic Conference.

Picture Perfect Pommies

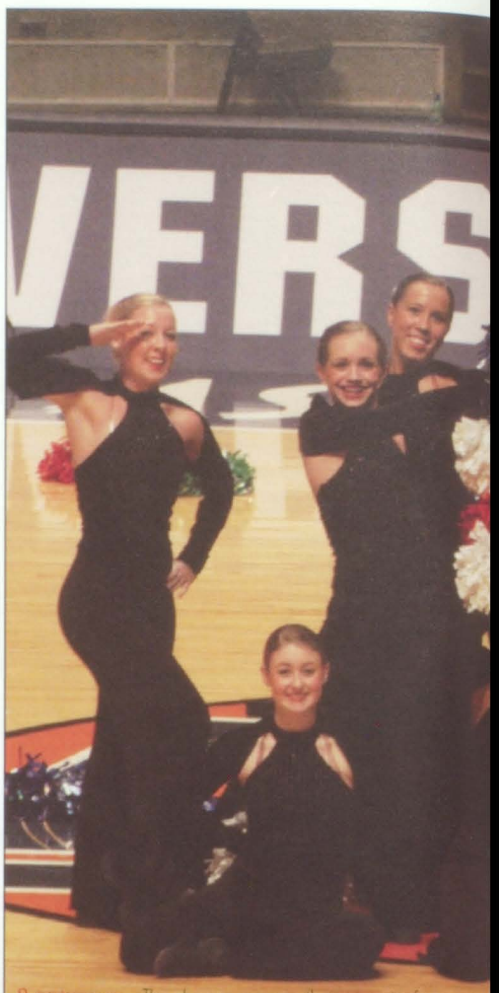
Pros in the Photo Op

Starting the year off right, the pom squad attended the UDA (Universal Dance Association) Dance Camp at Fontbonne University. There, they received many awards, including a Superior trophy for their execution of dances learned at camp, the "On the Ball" award (an honor voted upon by the camp staff and campers), the Leadership award (given at the end of camp to the team that showed the most leadership throughout the time there), and first place for their "home routine" (a routine they brought to camp). At the DuQuoin State Fair, the girls competed again, and received another first place. Those triumphs paved the way for the rest of the year.

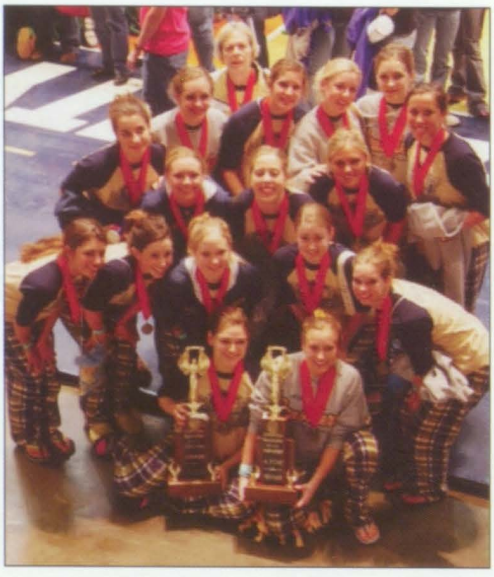
Throughout the year, the pommies provided entertainment during half time at home football and basketball games. However, their performances did not end there. They competed in six Regional IDTA (Illinois Drill Team Association) competitions and received eight first place trophies. The themes for their dances this year were "Flintstones" and "Around the World." The latter routine featured songs from cultures all over the world, and ended with "Born in the USA."

At the Super Sectional, the dancers performed to their best abilities, and it paid off. For the first time in the history of the pom squad, they won two first place plaques and again received an invitation to compete in the State competition. At the State competition, the girls went on the floor for the last time and proved their dedication, capturing two second places, a performance unmatched in the last fifteen years.

Due to the hard work and dedication of the squad in addition to the leadership of captains, seniors Jackie Juscius and Meghan Wilson, the girls experienced a year filled with many ups and few downs. Junior Amanda Becker commented, "This year was great because we bonded and became like sisters. We worked harder this year than we ever had, and it really paid off."



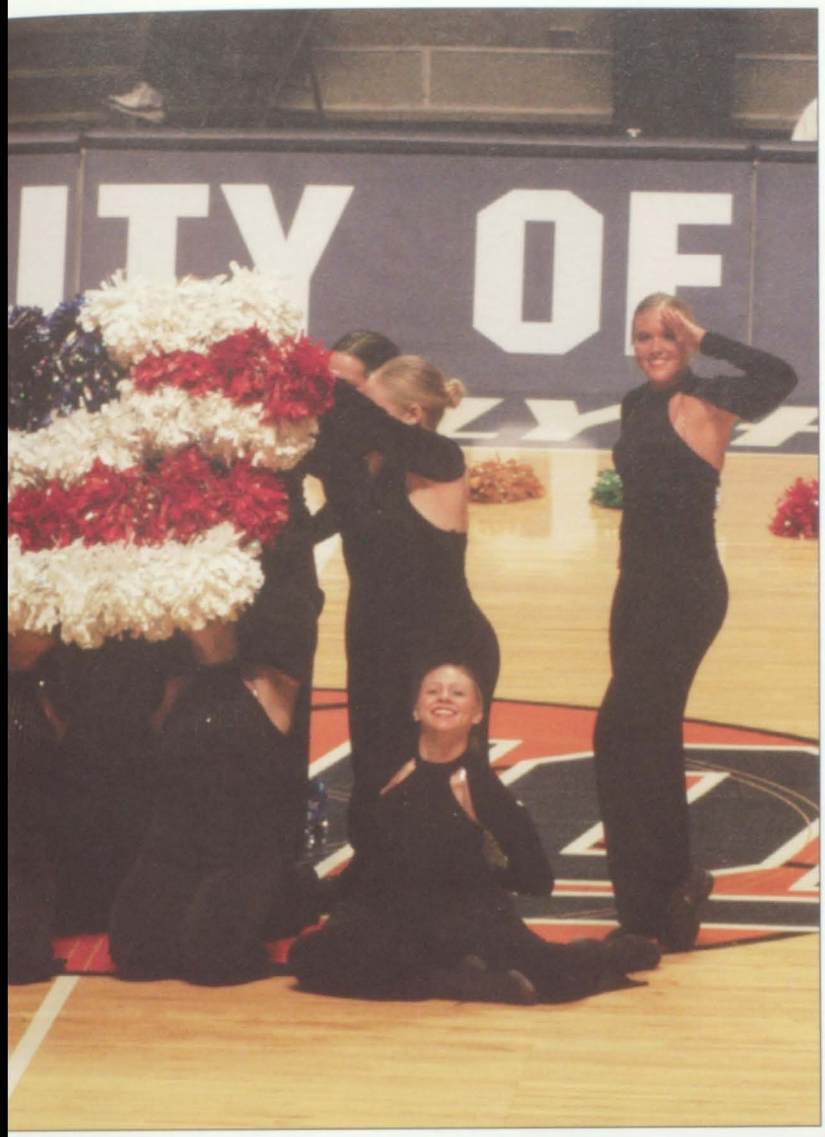
Patriotic poms. The dancers arrange their poms to form an American flag for a picturesque ending to their Pom Dance routine, "Around the World." The cultures featured in this dance included Indian, Spanish, African, and Irish.



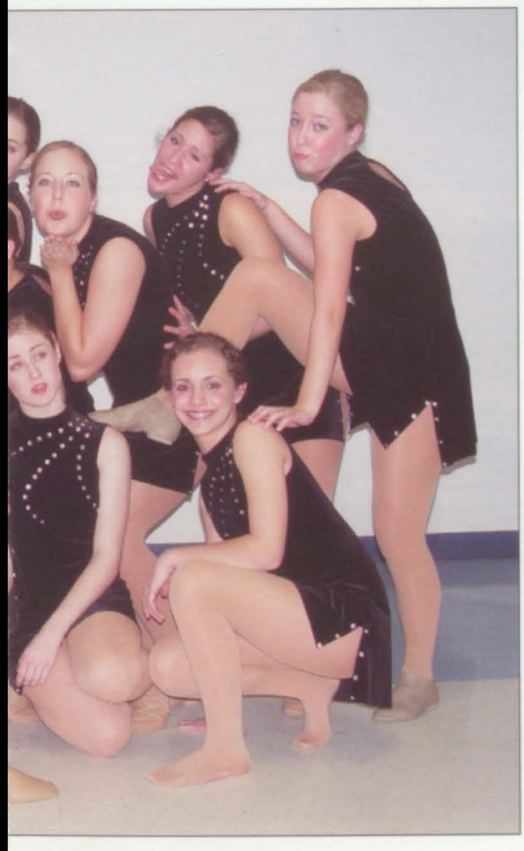
Front Row: Meghan Wilson, Jackie Juscius.
Second Row: Molly Artime, Amanda Cox, Beth Shively, Allison Feist, Sarah Goetter
Third Row: Amanda Becker, Emily Rauh, Emily Samson.
Last Row: Erica Szewczyk, Hannah Becker, Ms. Gansmann, Alyssa Anderson, Katie Siebenberger, Natalie Lauer, Lauren Weilbacher.

Ride with the family down the street. The pommies use their creativity and make the Flintstones' car with their poms. They even synchronized their poms and made the wheels turn and the car move.

Silly dancers. The sixteen girls play around before performing the "Junior Routine" at a home basketball game. Every year, the juniors get the chance to make up a routine and teach it to the squad; this year, they chose to choreograph their routine to the song "Turn the Beat Around" by Gloria Estefan.



Go Fred! About to do a tilt jump, junior Allison Feist prepares to take down her opponent, sophomore Lauren Weilbacher. As one part of the "Flintstones" routine, the girls made a boxing ring, and "Fred Flintstone" (played by Feist, center right) tried to defeat "the cat" (played by Weilbacher, center left); freshman Hannah Becker (far left) "coached" Weilbacher as Juscius (far right) "coached" Feist.



Top Gun. Using *Top Gun* as the theme for their pom dance routine, the junior varsity pom squad (from left to right: Katie Lawder, Kayla Samuelson, Brooke Woods, Nicole Jenks, Stacie Lemon, and Emily LeBeau) makes a plane for their final picture. The squad also danced to the song "5-6-7-8" by Steps during their pom routine.

YABA DABA DOO! At the beginning of their pom routine, the varsity pom squad spells out Fred Flintstones's famous quote. The squad worked diligently to get all the letters to hit at the exact same time, as they did with all of their movements.

"I was happy we got moved to single A this year; we could really be competitive. I want to thank the whole team for giving a great effort all year."
-Ms. Gansmann

Back in Blue, Back in Gold.

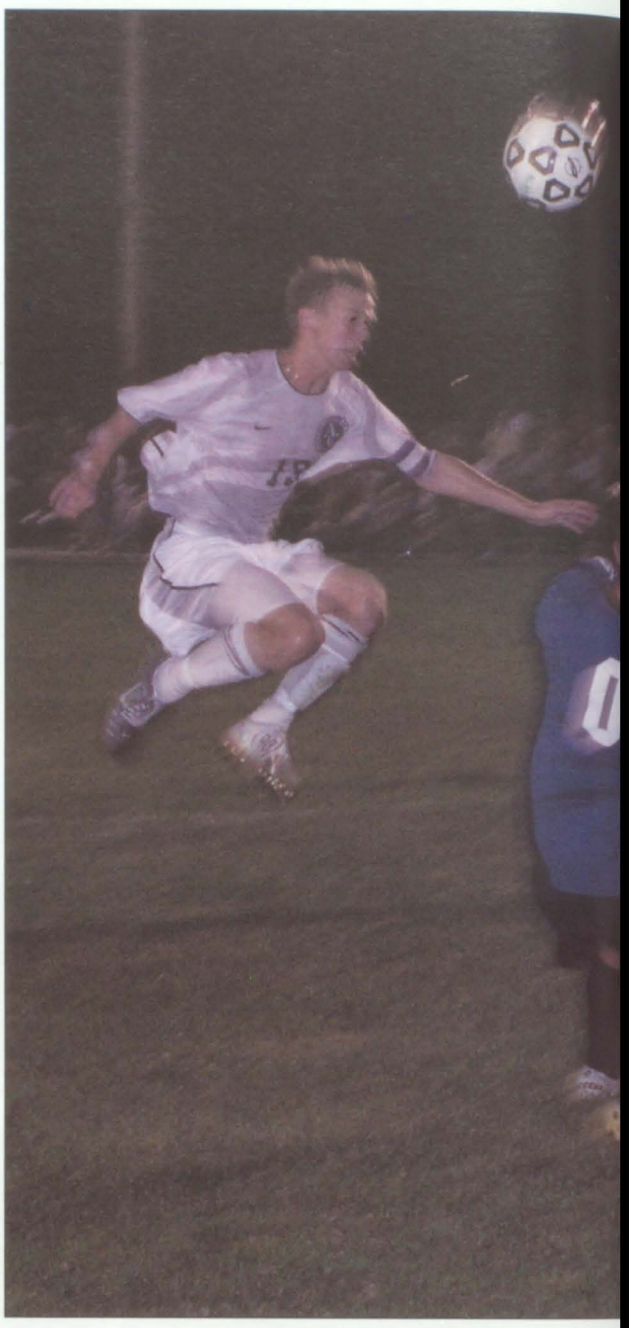
Althoff Soccer, Ready to Roll

Althoff soccer launched the 2004 campaign with a dominating 2-0 victory over Centralia. Comprised of 9 seniors, 13 juniors, and 1 sophomore, this year's squad stood young, talented, and hungry for a trip to the state tournament.

After a win over Cahokia, the Crusaders stumbled momentarily into a three game skid but bounced back quickly with a 3-0 win over rival West, igniting a four game winning streak, one of two throughout the season. Highlights of the season included winning the city championship and becoming co-champions at the Waterloo Tournament.

The playoffs began with another easy victory against Centralia. However, the season ended on a sad note as the boys could not find their offense in a game they dominated, yet lost, to Waterloo in the regional championship.

Though a trip to state was never attained, awards still poured in for these boys. David LeBeau, who finished the season with 19 goals and 12 assists, was named to the All-State team, the first time in five years an Althoff player earned a spot on this prestigious team. He also was named Player of the Year of the South Seven Conference, and juniors Matt Cannady and Nick Derfler were named to 1st Team All-Conference. Senior Brian Roewe was awarded the Joe Dressler Award at the end of the season for sportsmanship on and off the field. The Crusaders finished the season with a record of 15 wins and 8 losses, scoring 67 goals and allowing a mere 31 to pass through their own net.



Front Row- Alex Nester, Ray Bradley, David Newgent, Tim Brady, Tyler Hazlett
Second Row- Coach Nick Gladson, Matt Cannady, Jordan Beshears, Clayton Reeb, Brian Barrington, Head Coach Juergen Huettner
Third Row- Thomas von Brecht, Jordan Harp, Zach Yauch, Dan Fietsam, Adam Davinroy, Tim McCullough
Fourth Row- Brian Roewe, Luke Bement, Jim Mannix, Ryan Horace, Dylan Kinsella, Paul Hayhurst, Brian Thomas
Back Row- Will Nester, David LeBeau, Nick Derfler, Tom Sternau, David Schoen, Chad Williams

The cross! Junior Matt Cannady prepares to take a cornerkick against West. Matt played an important part in the Crusader's offense, finishing the year with 9 goals and 19 assists.

Centralia 2-0 ▪ Cahokia 6-0 ▪ Carbondale 0-2 ▪ Marion 3-4 ▪ O'Fallon 0-1 ▪ Belleville West 3-0 ▪ Centralia 3-0 ▪ Mt. Vernon 13-1 ▪ Hazelwood Central 3-2 ▪ Howell North 0-4 ▪ Ft. Zumwalt South 0-4 ▪ Carbondale 3-3 ▪ Cahokia 2-0 ▪ Belleville East 1-0 ▪ Highland 6-0 ▪ Marion 5-1 ▪ Collinsville 1-6 ▪ Highland 5-2 ▪ Waterloo 3-0 ▪ Lebanon 3-0 ▪ Mt. Vernon 2-0 ▪ Centralia 6-0 ▪ Waterloo 0-1

15-8

Taking aim. Senior David LeBeau lines up to cross the ball. David was co-captain of the varsity squad for two years and finished the season with 50 career goals, placing him third on Althoff's all-time scoring list.

High pressure. Senior Ryan Horace crashes the net to win the ball. This attitude of hard play was evident in all of the boys throughout the season.

Strike force. Junior Adam Davinroy winds up for a shot. Adam played on both the junior varsity and varsity teams.

What a save! Junior Dan Fietsam leaps into the air to make the save. Dan played both in goal and in the midfield in 2004.

Shooting for State

Superb striker. Senior Katie Burris wins the ball from an opponent. Katie was a captain and led the team with 26 goals.

Varsity
Front Row: Margaret McGlynn, Chelsea Biegler, Mary Behrmann, Bri Baricevic, Allison Meder
Second Row: Jenny Hamlin, Anne Nesbit, Kelly Schaefer, Meaghan Quinn, Danielle Meile, Michelle Meder
Third Row: Coach Laura Schumacher, Allison Bevenue, Katie Burris, Abbey Fritz, Liz Ebel, Jessica Johnston, Danielle Davidson
Back Row: Coach Juergen Huettner, Lauren Etling, Stacey Sudholt, Dana Dahlmann, Jackie Ackermann, A.J. Brewer

Using her head. Junior A.J. Brewer heads the ball to a waiting teammate. A.J. was a major reason the defense was so successful.

Break! The team huddles before a big game. Prior to each game, the girls gathered to pray and discuss strategy.

Junior Varsity
Front Row: Margaret McGlynn, Michelle Meder, Allison Bevenue, Meaghan Quinn, Katie Morr, Claire Seper
Middle Row: Coach Laura Schumacher, Danielle Davidson, Liz Ebel, Abbey Fritz, Jessica Johnston, Jackie Haas, Alison Shadwick
Back Row: Leah Gehrs, Lauren Etling, Anna Pajares, Chelsea Biegler, Jenny Hamlin

Smooth moves. Sophomore Chelsea Biegler dribbles by a defender. Chelsea helped the JV team to their most successful year ever.

Freshman
Front Row: Rosey Morr, Alexia Overton, Abbey Fritz, Allison Cannady, Michelle Meder, Megan Mory
Middle Row: Emily LeBeau, Kathleen McGlynn, Liz Ebel, Brittany Hottenrott, Allison Bevenue, Rachel Flake
Back Row: Kim Perry, Amber Bates, Michelle White, Ashley Abell, Jenny Hamlin, Coach Steve Cliffton

Girls Soccer Team Finishes Third in State

The girls soccer team had an unbelievable year. Before the season began, everyone had high expectations for them. The Post-Dispatch ranked Althoff the number one small school in the Metro-east area. Soon, the approving analysts grew skeptical. During the first five games, three starters suffered major injuries, two were season-ending. Critics doubted the team could be as successful as last season, and they were sure the team would not return to the state tournament. The entire team stepped up to prove these skeptics wrong. The girls finished with an impressive record of 25-3-1 and became the winningest girls soccer team in school history scoring 103 goals and allowing only 17 goals. They took second place in the Columbia tournament and finished third in the CYC tournament.

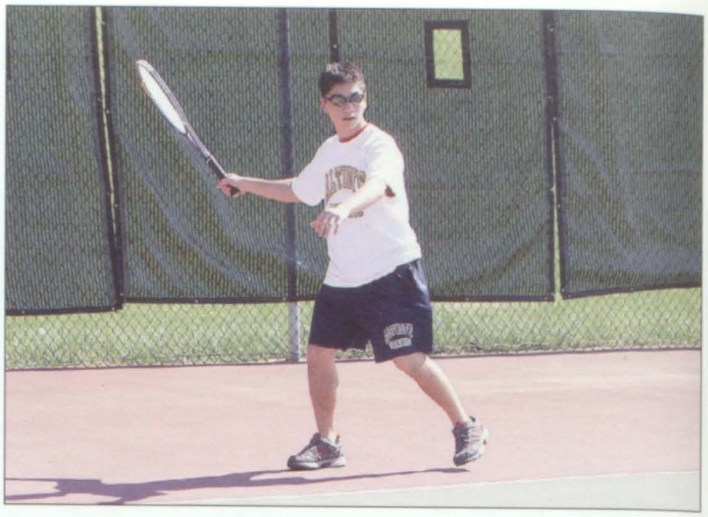
Amazingly, the girls did advance to the state tournament and triumphed over Benet Academy in the first round 1-0. Liz Ebel scored the winning goal six minutes into overtime, and Althoff became the first Belleville girls soccer team to win a game in the state tournament. St. Viator beat Althoff 3-0 in the second round, but the girls posted a 3-0 victory over University High School to claim the third place trophy. "We've had to deal with a lot and that's why going to state this year means so much to us," Katie Burris told the Post-Dispatch.

The JV team enjoyed success too finishing 10-2-3. They documented one of the most impressive records in Althoff JV history. Highlights of their season include a victory over always incredible Edwardsville. They also defeated John F. Kennedy High School claiming the first JV victory ever in the St. Joseph Academy tournament. Increased interest in girls soccer spawned a freshman team which should build the program further to train the upcoming stars of the varsity team.

Marion 7-0 ▪ Collinsville 2-1 ▪ Gibault 6-0 ▪ Carbondale 6-2 ▪ O'Fallon 1-0 ▪ Cahokia 15-0 ▪ Mount Vernon 3-0 ▪ Edwardsville 0-3 ▪ Alton 4-1 ▪ Notre Dame 1-1 ▪ Columbia 1-0 ▪ Alton Marquette 3-2 ▪ Eureka 0-1 ▪ Marion 1-0 ▪ Rosati-Kain 1-0 ▪ Washington 5-1 ▪ Pacific 3-0 ▪ Mt. Vernon 10-0 ▪ Belleville East 2-0 ▪ Belleville West 2-0 ▪ Cahokia 5-0 ▪ Carbondale 7-0 ▪ Greenville 4-0 ▪ Columbia 3-0 ▪ Gibault 4-1 ▪ Alton Marquette 3-1 ▪ Benet Academy 1-0 ▪ St. Viator 0-3 ▪ Normal University 3-0

25-3-1

Smashing baby. Senior Matt Muckensturm (right) blasts a forehand beyond another of his opponents. "Yes that was 'eye of the tiger,'" David 'Tsunami' Pardo (far right) comments as he executes one of his textbook shots that just catches the baseline.



SLUH 0-9 ▪ CBC 3-4 ▪ Waterloo 4-3 ▪ Triad 3-6 ▪ Alton 1-8 ▪ Desmet 2-5 ▪ Belle[illegible]st 1-8 ▪ Bethalto 8-1 ▪ Belleville West 0-9 ▪ Carbondale 1-8 ▪ Alton 9-0 ▪

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Catching the breeze. (above) Adam Reeb delivers a strong forehand, just one of his many excellent shots. (right) Junior John Waller, senior Pete Kassly, and junior Matt Sauerwein await their next match while scaring their opponents with intimidation. (far right) Paul Renner reaches to stroke his textbook backhand to take a match.

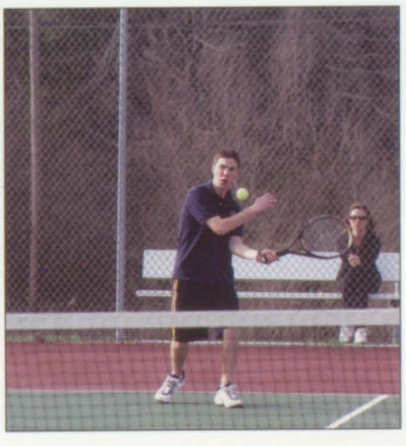
Boys Tennis
First Row: Chris Gaertner, Rob Samuelson, Shawn Ebel, Ji-Wong Choi, Peter Kassly, Kevin Bouse
Second Row: Coach Pedro Renda, Alex Nester, Kyle Fraser, Zach Moosa, David Pardo, John Waller, Paul Renner
Back Row: Matt Muckensturm, Adam Reeb, Kevin Quirk, Will Nester, Matt Sauerwein, Alex Graubner-Müller

Serving up Another Ace

Crusader Aces LOVEing the Game

Serving, hitting, winning, and even grilling, the Crusaders once again continued all their tennis traditions. The boys opened the 2005 season as returning conference champs with high ambition to re-accomplish last season's goals. Coaches Pedro Renda and Erica Fraser along with returning senior Adam Reeb, who once again took the number one spot, led the Crusaders. "I am very optimistic about the season.," Renda commented early in the season. "I know the boys will do well." The Crusaders had solid depth closely backing Reeb with seniors Matt Muckensturm, Paul Renner, and David Pardo, along with junior Will Nester and freshman Kyle Fraser and Zach Moosa. The team's talent did not end there, numerous other skilled players backed up with impressive performances during both intense practice drills and throughout their grueling matches.

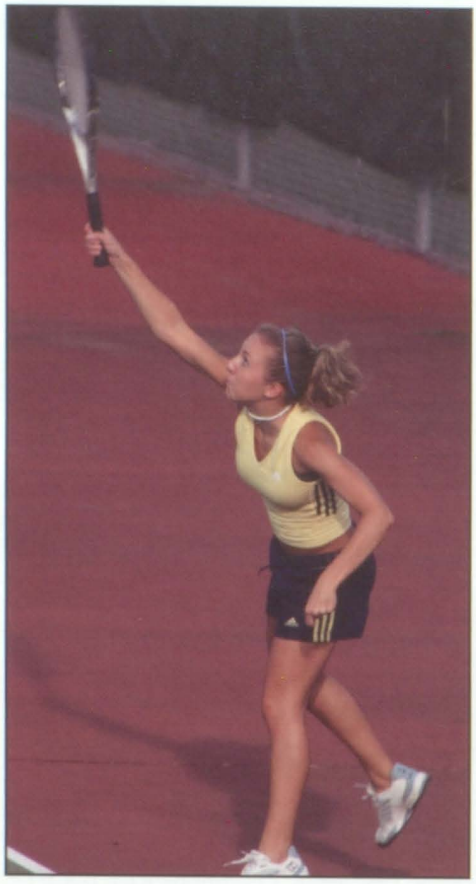
The team had an exceptionally tough schedule this year, integrating numerous matches versus high caliber Illinois as well as Missouri teams and finished the season 3-8. The Crusaders took third place in the conference duals hosted in Carbondale with Adam Reeb winning number one singles. "We do not have high school team sports in Germany so this was an excellent experience for me," Alex Gaubner-Müller stated, "and I really had fun all throughout the season." As a team the Crusaders finished second overall in the sectional tournament, and Adam Reeb claimed the singles title to advance to the state tournament where he finished 2-2.

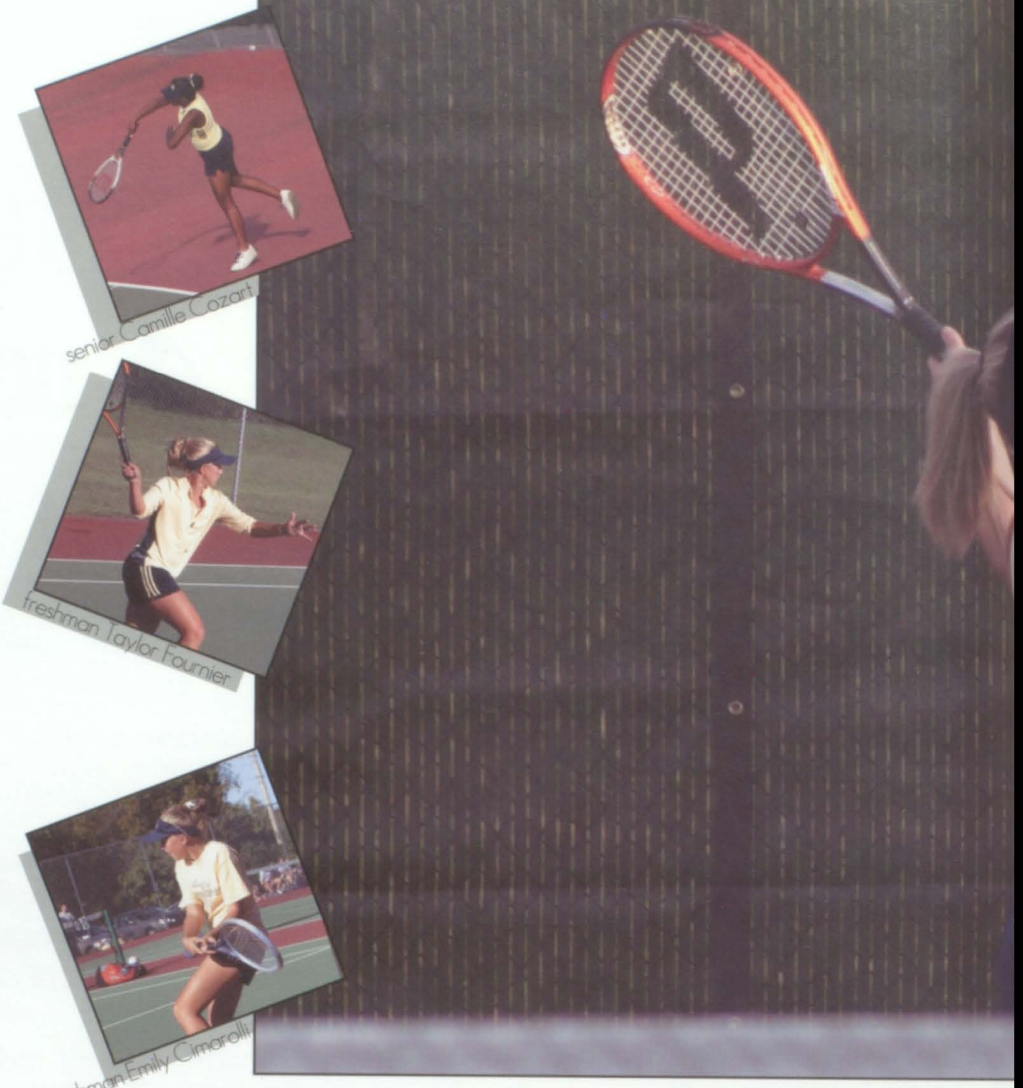


Different strokes (left) Junior Will Nester launches a backhand past the opposing team. (middle) Junior Matt Sauerwein smashes his forehand to take the game. (right) Junior Rob Samuelson strategically places his forehand to win the point.

Keep your eye on the ball! These varsity Lady Crusaders watch the ball closely to try to out hit their opponents. The varsity girls practiced five days a week, which helped everybody improve their game.

Watch out! Senior Brittany Cleary hits a blazing overhead to win a point against her opponent from Mascoutah. This year was Brittany's second season playing varsity doubles.





senior Camille Cozart

freshman Taylor Fournier

freshman Emily Cimarolli

Way to go! Junior Jackie Ackermann and sophomore Chelsea Thompson congratulate each other after winning a point. The girls' friendship off the court helped with their teamwork on court, leading to many key wins for the Lady Crusaders.

Varsity

Front Row: Emily Cimarolli, Colleen Keefe, Chelsea Thompson

Second Row: Kayla Samuelson, Michelle Bertelsman, Brittany Cleary, Camille Cozart

Back Row: Coach Pedro Renda, Jackie Ackermann, Mary Orlet, Carli Connors, Katy Dragich, Taylor Fournier, Coach Lynne Engelage

Slam after slam, you have to LOVE girls tennis

Check out my! ace!! Senior Leslie Hamilton gets ready to serve during her intense match versus Belleville West. Leslie, a newcomer to the team, helped the varsity girls achieve a winning season.

For the third year in a row the Lady Crusaders tennis team experienced a new coach. Pedro Renda took the reins this year. Though some may consider this an obstacle, the girls took this new management as an opportunity to excel. The team showcased young talent with six underclassmen as their top players. These Lady Crusaders definitely turned skeptics into believers. Finishing the season 9-2 was just one of these ladies' many achievements.

The Crusaders started the season off right with their first loss not coming until the seventh duel match of the year. The ladies gained momentum with a 7-2 win over Belleville East, a team that had defeated Althoff for the past four years. The ladies finished second in the O'Fallon Quad Tournament losing only to O'Fallon but redeemed themselves by defeating O'Fallon at the Southern Illinois Duels Tournament and capturing a fourth place finish. The ladies also placed fourth in the Bloomington Purple and Gold Invitational in which they battled many highly ranked Chicago teams. To round out the year, the Lady Crusaders finished first in the South Seven Conference Tournament. Based on the play in the sectional tournament, sophomore Carli Connors and freshman Taylor Fournier advanced to state. The girls closed the season with a team record of nine wins and two losses, leaving many expecting great things from them in years to come.

Waterloo 7-0 ▪ Alton 7-2 ▪ Belleville East 7-2 ▪ Alton Marquette 9-0 ▪ Collinsville 7-0 ▪ Centralia 6-3 ▪ St. Joe's Academy 2-5 ▪ Belleville West 0-9 ▪ Triad 5-2 ▪ Granite City 7-0 ▪ Mascoutah 7-0

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Junior Varisty
Front Row: Kellie Ross, Lindsey Goetz, Kayla Massey, Brinkley Cox, Brittney Rattler
Second Row: Monica Greiff, Allison Shadwick, Natalie Rodriguez, Ashley Anderson
Back Row: Coach Pedro Renda, Christina Sabol, Mary Morton, Kay Murphy, Leslie Hamilton, Laura Morton, Coach Lynne Engelage

Ready for action! Senior Mary Orlet prepares to play out a point while teaming with her double's partner Katy Dragich. This season marked Mary's fourth year playing on the team as a great asset.

Just Keep Swimming

Swimmers dip into the water for another great season.

A strong group of young men consisting of three juniors and two freshmen comprised the Crusader boys swim team. Although the team's number was low, their skills, determination, and winning drive helped propel members to personal best times. At the sectional meet in Quincy, junior Mike Blassie, freshman Peter Lofreddo, junior Will Nester, and junior Dan Beatty took sixth place in 200m freestyle relay. Peter Loffredo finished the grueling 500m freestyle in sixth place. Junior Will Nester said, "All of the teams at sectionals were so serious; we, on the other hand, just had a good time. The funny thing is, we beat most of those teams." The team is hoping for an even better performance next year as all members, with the exception of one, will be returning.

The Lady Crusader swim team began the season with a splash! After months of Saturday morning practices and a tri-swim meet at O'Fallon, the girls were ready to dive into competitive waters. The team placed sixth at sectionals, showcasing their ability to have fun and succeed simultaneously. New head coach Celeste Furmanek commented, "I was very pleased to have such a large team my first season. Placing sixth at sectionals will encourage many swimmers to return.

Shark bait. Junior Emily Samson, Senior Jessica Babka, and Junior Natalie Rodriguez peak through an underwater window. Many swimmers used this popular window for great picture opportunities.

Catchin' waves. Freshman Alex Nester shows off his backstroke as he slices through the water. Alex cut six seconds off this seed time to move up in ranking.

Mike Blassie, Will Nester, Danny Beatty, Peter Loffredo, Alex Nester

Jessica Babka, Natalie Rodriguez, Peter Lofredo, Emily Samson, Claire Seper, Anne Gavin, Catherine Gavin, Blaire Keltner, Grace Burnworth, Nikki Furnanek, Coach Celeste Furmanek, Coach Mike Burnworth

Crossing to New Victories

New coach arrives for Cross Country team

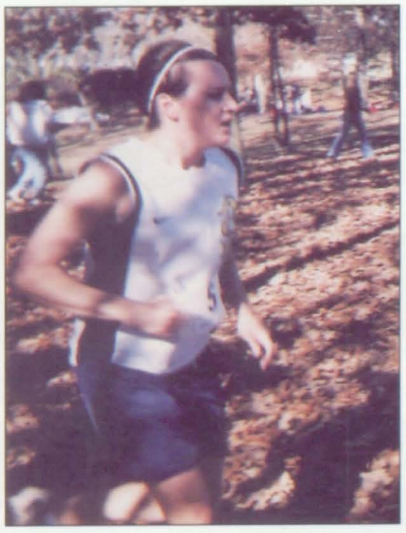
Walking into a team of 14, half of which were intimidating seniors, proved easy for the new cross-country coach, Gary Calhoun. "The seniors on this team provided great leadership and were role models for the younger runners," commented Calhoun. Although he was new to Althoff, Calhoun was certainly not new to track. After 20 years of coaching young runners at Cathedral grade school, stepping up to the high school level was a piece of cake for this track veteran.

The lineup. The girls cross country team eagerly awaits the gun to begin the sectional race. Often as many as 150 people competed in varsity races.

The team strode into the school's third cross-country season. After a lot of hard work and determination, the girls team advanced to the state sectional meet for the first time in school history. Freshman Brittany Hottenrott was named to the first team all-area. For the boys, Mike Pfeiffer also advanced to the sectional meet. Coach Calhoun was very pleased with his team members the whole season; he said, "The *athletes* on this team were very good, but as young men and women they were great!"

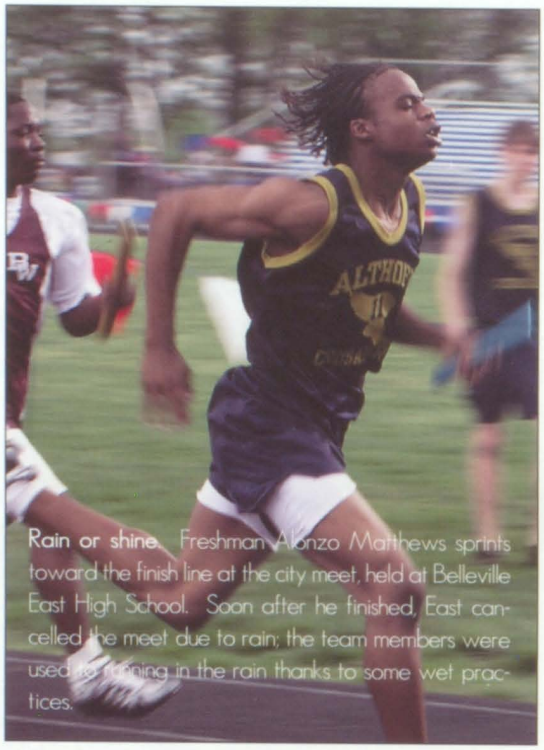
Cross Country
Front Row: Catherine Brady, Suzanne Kniepkamp, Katie Jenks, Stephanie Hoffman, Brittany Hottenrot. Second Row: Coach Gary Calhoun, Ashley Crannage, Maura McGlynn, Gabe Inyart, Anne Nesbit, Logan Von Bokel. Back Row: Mike Pfeiffer, Jack Mueller, Brian Harris, Yashur'e Tucker, Cara Anthony.

Taking the scenic route. Senior Katie Jenks races through the woods and toward the finish line. Katie was one of the original members of the cross country team, which began three years ago.

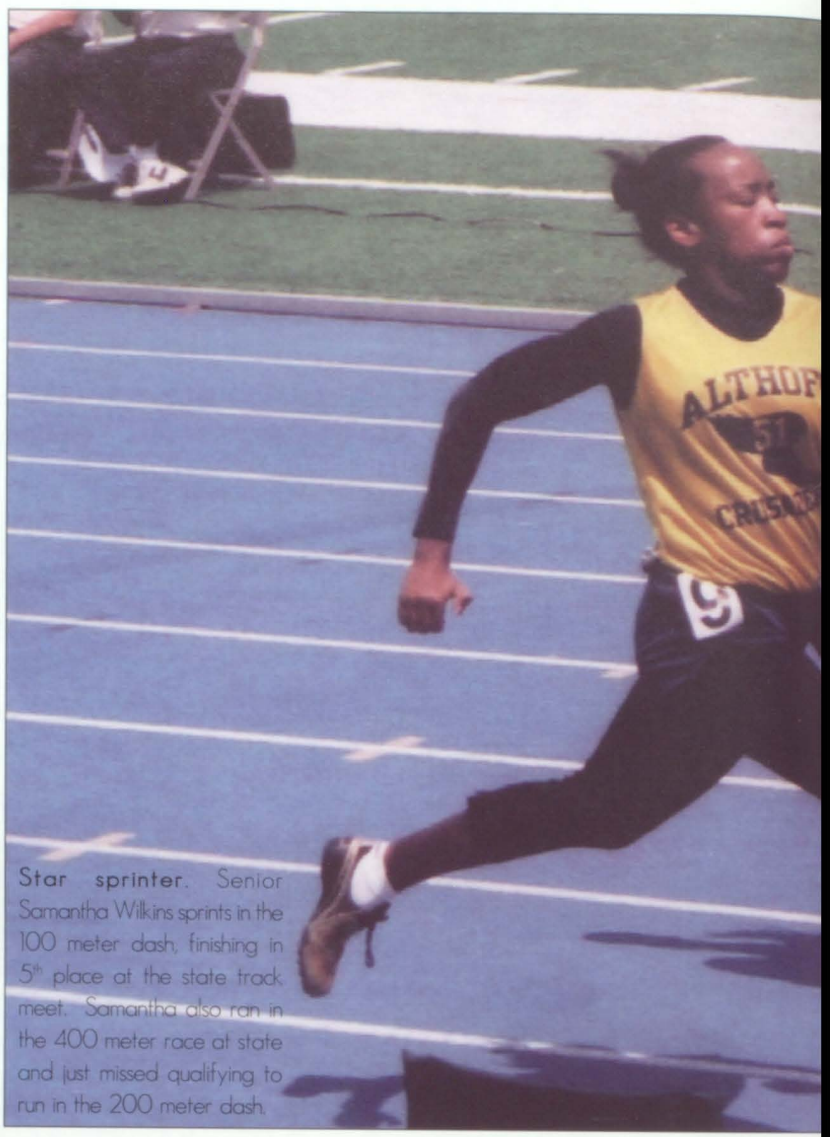


Hit the Ground Running

Track Team Goes the Distance

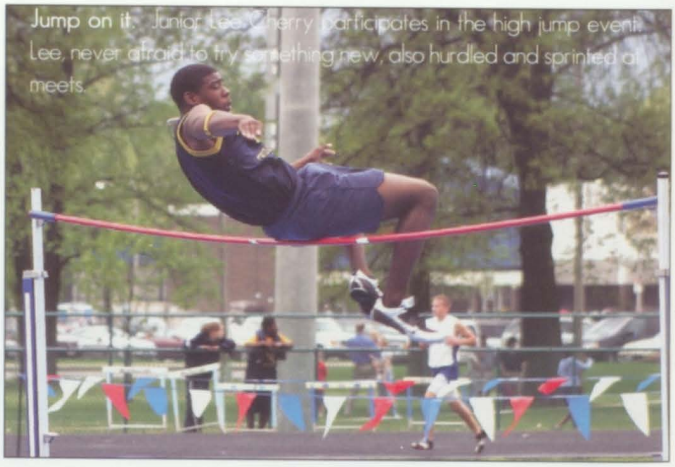


Rain or shine. Freshman Alonzo Matthews sprints toward the finish line at the city meet, held at Belleville East High School. Soon after he finished, East cancelled the meet due to rain; the team members were used to running in the rain thanks to some wet practices.



Star sprinter. Senior Samantha Wilkins sprints in the 100 meter dash, finishing in 5th place at the state track meet. Samantha also ran in the 400 meter race at state and just missed qualifying to run in the 200 meter dash.

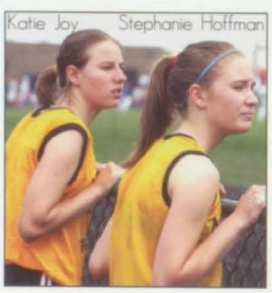
Running the extra mile. Junior Ashley Crannage runs in her favorite event, the two mile race. After recovering from a stress fracture in her leg that had sidelined her during the cross country season, Ashley worked hard to regain her fitness and competed successfully.



Jump on it. Junior Lee Cherry participates in the high jump event. Lee, never afraid to try something new, also hurdled and sprinted at meets.

Nick Nelson

E. Fussel, C. Harla, and K. Jenks

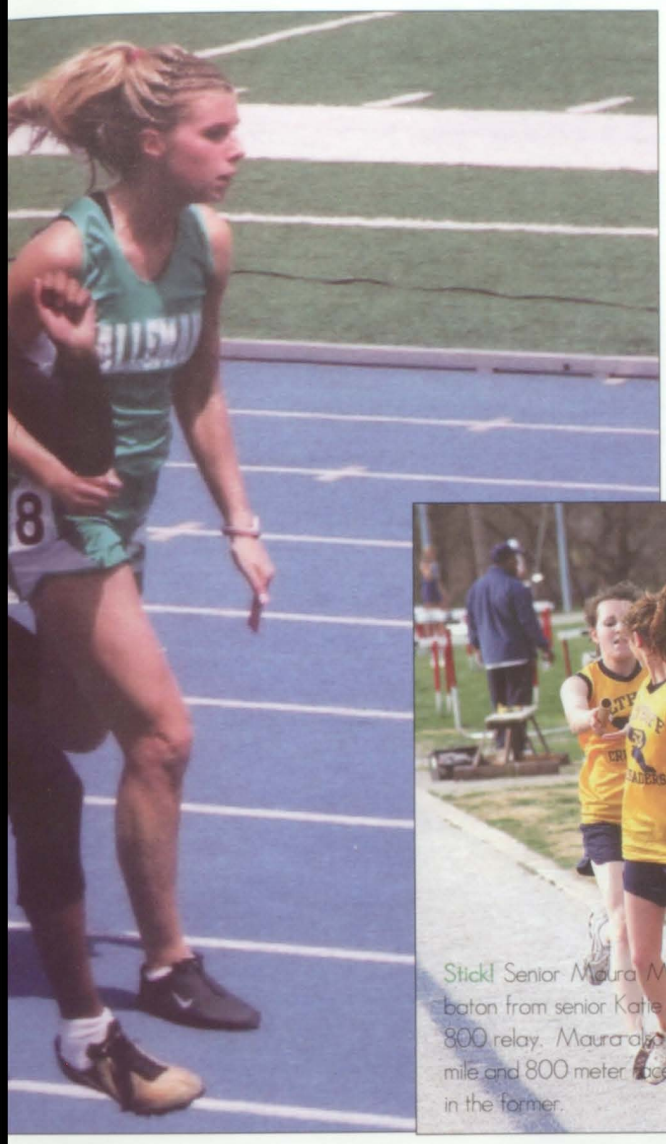


Katie Joy Stephanie Hoffman

Logan Von Bokel

Stephanie Hoffman

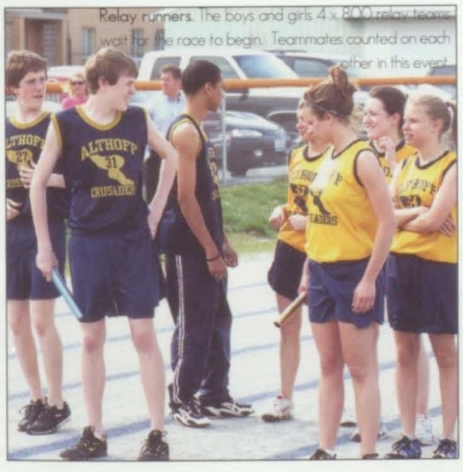
Maura McGlynn



With all new coaches, the returning track athletes had to adjust to some changes. The four new coaches included Head Coach Terrell Suggs and Assistant Coaches Adam Miller, David Searcy, and Darryl Garner. All had their own styles of coaching, but they all made the athletes work hard. Coach Suggs reminded the team of the need for practice, saying "we need to work on ourselves" every day. Evidence of this could be seen in the improvement of all team members' speed over the course of the season. However, the team also knew how to have a good time. Samantha Wilkins often uttered the question: "Can I have some [sunflower] seeds?" to Coach Suggs, who would then make her work hard to get them.

What the team lacked in numbers, they made up for in talent. Led by seniors Liz Agne, Eric Fussell, Stephanie Hoffman, Katie Jenks, Suzanne Kniepkamp, Maura McGlynn, and Samantha Wilkins, the team endured tough practices that made the meets all the more enjoyable. The team competed very well, especially against Class A schools. Five girls qualified for state, and with a time of 10:54, the girls 4 x 800 relay team broke the school record by nine seconds.

Stick! Senior Maura McGlynn receives the baton from senior Katie Jenks during the 4 x 800 relay. Maura also competed in the one mile and 800 meter races, qualifying for state in the former.

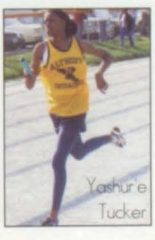


Relay runners. The boys and girls 4 x 800 relay teams wait for the race to begin. Teammates counted on each other in this event.

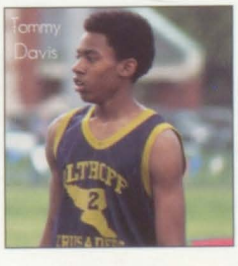
Front Row: Mark Beabout, Eric Lyons, Cate Schmidt, Stephanie Hoffman, Katie Joy, Jeremy Patterson, Jeff Larson, Liz Agne
Second Row: Rachel Schmidt, Maura McGlynn, Alex Brooks, Ashley Crannage, Katie Jenks, Sarah Barnhart, Samantha Wilkins, Suzanne Kniepkamp
Third Row: Chris Harla, Alonzo Matthews, Devin Robinson, Roman Pierce, Eddie Davis, Lee Cherry, C.J. Garmon, Mike Pfeiffer
Back Row: Tommy Davis, Ron Watson, Darryl Garner, Yashur'e Tucker, Emily Grimm, Logan Von Bokel, Kiarra Mason, Nick Nelson

Rachel Schmidt

Sarah Barnhart

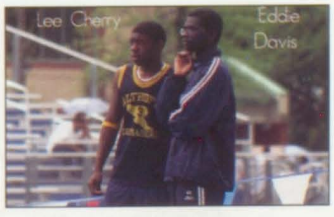


Yashur'e Tucker



Tommy Davis

Suzanne Kniepkamp



Lee Cherry

Eddie Davis

Red Bud 2-0 ▪ Wesclin 2-1 ▪ Highland 1-0 ▪ Ziegler-Royalton 1-2 ▪ Lebanon 2-3 ▪ Bethalto 4-6 ▪ Freeburg 2-14 ▪ Mt. Vernon (double header) 2-3, 1-6 ▪ Granite City 10-0 ▪ Belleville West 0-1 ▪ Marquette 1-0 ▪ Marion (double header) 0-9, 0-2 ▪ Cahokia (double header) 4-1, 8-2 ▪ Triad 2-7 ▪ Edwardsville 2-4 ▪ Centralia (double header) 4-2, 5-4 ▪ Gibault 0-1 ▪ Carbondale (double header) 3-1, 3-2 ▪ Belleville East 0-1 ▪ Mascoutah 4-2 ▪ O'Fallon 0-7 ▪ Mater Dei 0-1

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Down and ready. Freshman Stephanie Spreen readies herself at third base for the Crusaders varsity team. With only four upperclassmen on the team, many freshmen had the opportunity to play in varsity games.

Time out! Coach Evans calls for a quick infield meeting during a varsity game. Time outs were beneficial for the girls to take a quick break and re-focus on their defensive strategy.

She's outta there! Sophomore Heather Thompson makes the tag at home plate. Many great or close plays were credited to the fundamentals of throwing and catching.

Junior Varsity
First Row: Katie Speichinger, Kimmy Brown, Ann Cheatham.
Second Row: Jamie Clemens, Ashley Sanders, Nicole Borawski, Brinkley Cox.
Last Row: Coach Sackett, Nicole Clemens, Kelly Smallmon, Norah Davis, Coach Evans.

What Time is it?

Game Time- HUH!

The 2005 Crusader softball team underwent a complete transition in coaching, players, and raw talent from the 2004 season. The season, which runs from the end of February until May, was in the hands of a new coaching staff, led by Amy Evans, who played softball at George Mason University. Her husband, Chris, and Ryan Sackett were assistant coaches. The junior varsity season had a rocky start, due to the lack of a permanent coach; Mary Kloess, who had retired from 24 years of coaching softball in 2001 and who was inducted into the coaching hall of fame, stepped back up to the plate to help coach these girls.

In addition to the new faces among the coaches, fourteen freshmen made the softball team adding to the Lady Crusaders' fresh look. Many played JV, some started varsity, and others spent time playing on both fields. Of the nine veteran players, senior and team captain Leslie Hamilton led the team on and off of the field. She was always the first one on the field or willing to set up and help other teammates with a drill. Two varsity pitchers, Jenna Todoroff and Amy Gaertner, were key in the team's defense. Jenna pitched 13 innings in the Wesclin game and walked away with a 2-1 win. Amy ended the season with an earned run average of 1.58.

One of the team's main goals was to learn fundamentals and play with a lot of heart. They did just that capturing third place in their conference (6-4) and taking the regional championship. The girls posted a final record of 16-15. Coach Evans said, "The team was very young with 14 out of 23 girls being freshmen. They made large improvements throughout the season, proving that the future of Althoff softball is bright."

Hits, hits, hits. Junior Mallory Droit steps up to the plate ready to make contact. Confidence and a good eye for the ball are key to hitting well.

Making the catch. Senior Leslie Hamilton dives to catch an oncoming ball. These girls were prepared to get dirty and make plays at all costs.

Ready to run. Sophomore Angela Bosza is ready to run right before hitting a ball. She held a batting average of .313 throughout the season and frequently put the ball in play to apply pressure to the opposing team's defense.

Let's put her in the books. Freshman Nicole Borawski throws a change-up to an opposing batter. Nicole's variety of pitches, which included a fastball, a rise ball, and a change-up helped her fan batters this season.

Varsity
First Row: Kimmy Brown, Stephanie Spreen, Angela Bosza, Katie Speichinger, Ashley Sanders.
Second Row: Coach Sackett, Jennifer Yordy, Kristen Staff, Nicole Fullmer, Amy Gaertner, Coach Evans.
Last Row: Lauren Stuckel, Erin Smallmon, Jenna Todoroff, Mallory Droit, Leslie Hamilton.

Bumpin', Settin', and Spikin' across the Mississippi

Boys Volleyball Knows No Boundaries

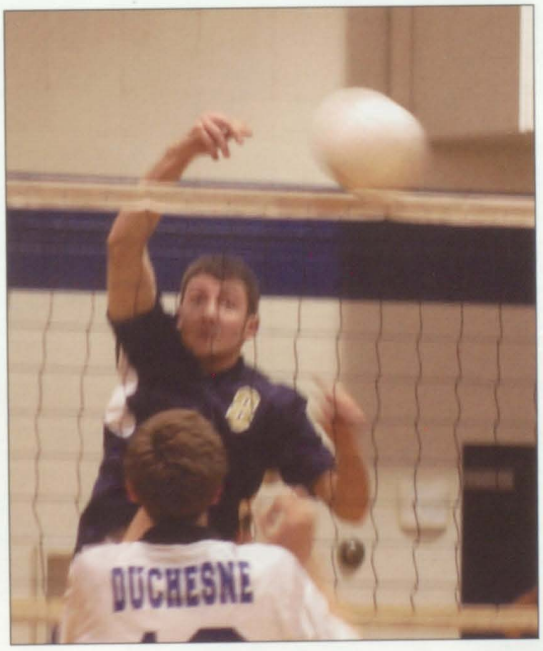
As the second year of boys volleyball at Althoff was set and under way, many still remained unaware of their existence. Sadly, these oblivious characters had no idea what they were missing – the same exciting pace of girls volleyball, with only one main difference. Coach Kathy Wuller led the boys and prepared them for the arduous road ahead. Every game prior to the Illinois State Tournament was played against a Missouri school because of the lack of programs in southwestern Illinois. This proved to be quite a difficult feat for a team still new to the high school volleyball world, but it was nothing these boys feared; rather than panic, they decided to hit head on.

The season began on a high note with a two-match victory against Trinity. The season progressed with nine wins coming between 14 losses and one tie. This record distorts the hard work put in by the boys, as many of the games were decided by only a few points. The grueling schedule did, however, have an upside. By battling with such strong teams, like Vianney, the team found themselves aptly prepared for postseason play. Seeded twelfth in the Missouri State Tournament, the boys surprised many, upsetting the fourth and fifth seeds en route to the final four. Here, they lost to Eureka, the eventual tourney champs. They were able to walk away triumphantly, tying for 3rd place and bringing a Missouri State Tournament trophy back to Illinois, where they would then journey north to do battle with the likes of the Chicago-area schools. The boys started off hot again, winning against Plainsfield Central in the quarterfinals. They lost in the semifinals against Minooka, but it did not diminish the accomplishments and impressions the boys left on their opponents. Two seniors, Nate Holloway and Brad Wuller, each received scholarships to play volleyball at Missouri Baptist University. Overall, the boys greatly enjoyed the season, already anticipating the upcoming year, ready to return to the tournaments and come away with even more glory.

A clean return. Senior Alex Schmitt defends with a picture perfect bump back to the opposing team. This was Alex's first year on the volleyball team.

Don't strike til you see the... Senior Brent Colbert leaps into the air, ready to spike the ball past two defenders. Brent posted impressive stats in serving, attacks, digs, leading not only the team, but was also among the leaders in the area.

"Rocket Man." Sophomore Dylan Kinsella sends a powerful serve for the opposing team to handle. Dylan was among the team leaders in kills and posted one of the best dig averages in the area, 4.38 per game.



Tricky tricky. Senior Brad Wuller gently taps a ball over the net. Brad led the Crusaders in kills and blocks with 120 kills and 46 blocks.

Trinity – W • Duchesne HS – L • Chaminade HS – L • Pattonville – W • Saint Louis U. High – L • Chaminade HS – W • Fox HS – W • Afton – T • Webster Groves – L • Webster Groves – W • CBC HS – L • Rosmet HS – L • Francis Howell North – L • Dubourg – L • Wetminster – L • Vianney – L • St. Mary's – L • Francis Howell Central – L •Parkway West – W • Parkway Central – W • Eureka – L • Plainsfield Central – W • Minooka – L

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Varsity
Front Row: Ron Madlock, Dylan Kinsella, Brian Lantry, Paul Hayhurst
Second Row: Sam Schoen, Alex Schmitt, Joe Murray, Kyle Sobczak, Milton Green
Back Row: Nick Murray, Brad Wuller, Nate Holloway, Brent Colbert, Evan Neville

Junior Varsity
Front Row: Paul Hayhurst, Joe Murray, Nick Murray, Alex Schmitt, Ron Madlock
Back Row: Matt Edelmann, Michael Orlet, David Newgent, Milton Green

Breeze Central W; Marion W; Cor Jesu W; Freeburg L; Crossroad Classic 3rd; Mt. Vernon W; Mt. Pulaski Tourney 3rd; St. Joe's Academy L; Cahokia W; Carbondale W; Belleville West W; Belleville East Tourney 1st in Silver Division; Belleville East W; Centralia W; St. Charles East Tourney 8th; Mater Dei W; O'Fallon W; Red Bud W; Incarnate Word L

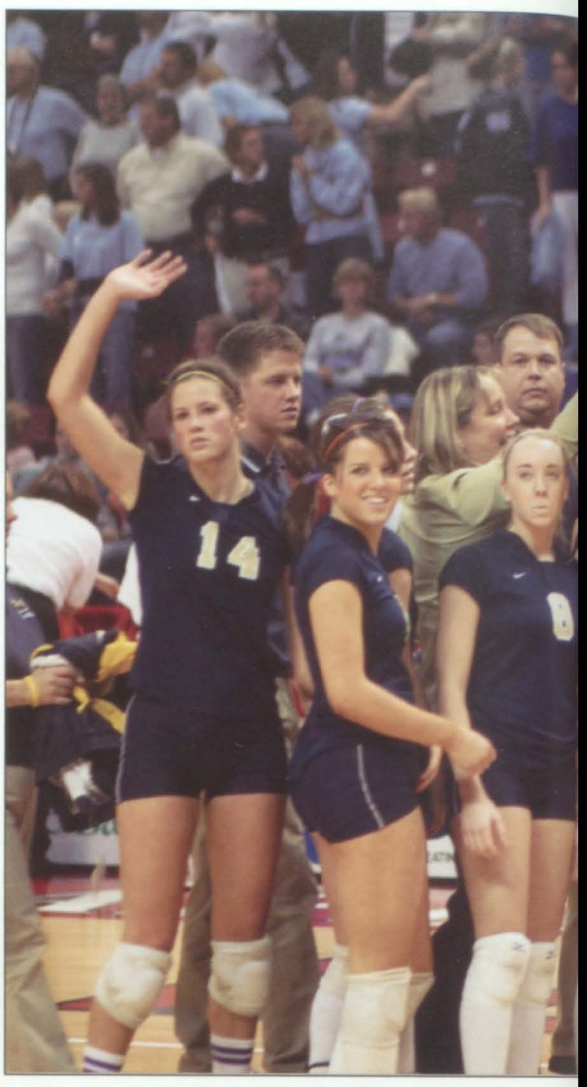
12-3

We May Be a Small School, But We Still Got Big Game

The volleyball team continued the tradition of going all the way to state competition. However, the girls did not play in Class AA. They were bumped down to Class A due to a decline in school enrollment. The ladies did not disappoint their fans though and still brought back third place.

The Lady Crusaders started their 2004 season with three consecutive wins. Freeburg broke the winning streak in a close three game match. Then it was on to the Crossroads Classic where the girls swept past the other teams with five wins and two loses, finishing third in the tournament. Moving on, they defeated Mt. Vernon, placed third in the Mt. Pulaski Tournament, and suffered a devastating loss to St. Joe's Academy. The team then went on to win five straight games against Cahokia, Carbondale, Belleville West, Belleville East, and Centralia. The girls placed first in the Silver Division at the Belleville East Tournament and eighth in the St. Charles East Tournament.

Although they started the post season with a win against Mater Dei, the St. Francis team from Wheaton defeated the Crusaders in the second round of the state competition. This did not keep the girls from bouncing back and defeating Elgin (St. Edward) to place third at state. Only a very small percentage of the volleyball teams in Illinois make it to state, let alone place at state. Coach Wuller commented on her team saying, "We were a very young team that really came together. Our only losses this season were to teams ranked in the top 70 in the country. I am very proud of these girls."



Thanks! The girls wave to their dedicated fans who made the trip to Illinois State University to watch them compete in the state competition. They really appreciated all the support from both parents and students throughout the season.

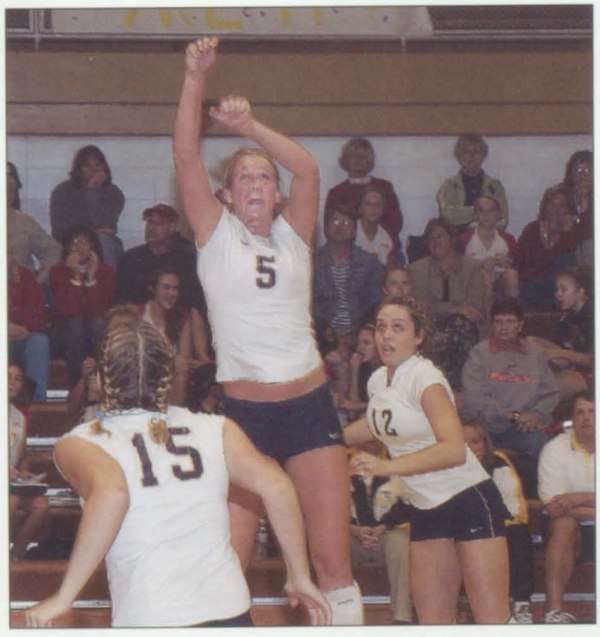
"Everyone stayed positive and really came together as a team."
-Sophomore Abbey Fritz

"Our team chemistry was great. We had fun on and off the court."
-Senior Mallory Sullivan

"We played hard, but we still had fun.
-Freshman Kim Richter

Varsity
Front Row: Montrice Coggins, Jessica Dalke, Andrea Gore, Mallory Sullivan, Lauren Stuckel, Lizzie Gleeson
Second Row: Emily Thomas, Kelly Michnowicz, Kelly Schaefer, Erin Albers, Caitlin Poelker, Meghan Gehrs, Mandy Stamper
Back Row: Kim Soucy

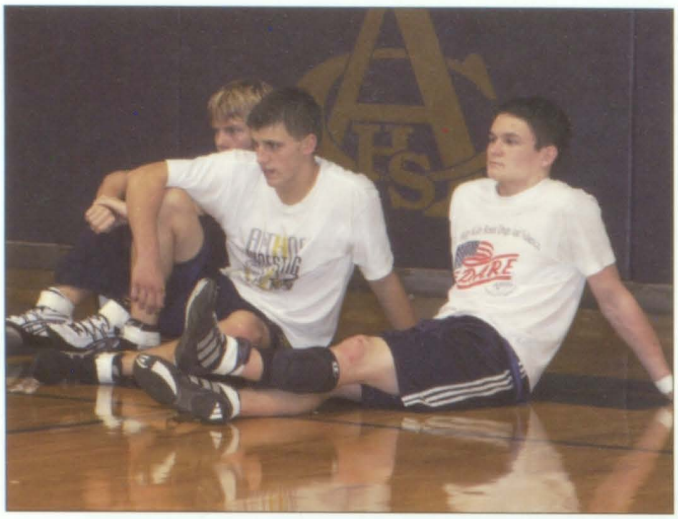
Junior Varsity
Front Row: Brooke Kirchoff, Mandy Stamper, Montrice Coggins, Emily Thomas, Dana Dahlman
Second Row: Abbey Thomas, Abbey Fritz, Stephanie Spreen, Holly Holdener
Back Row: Kristen Staff, Stephanie Babka, Lauren Stuckel, Katie Speichinger

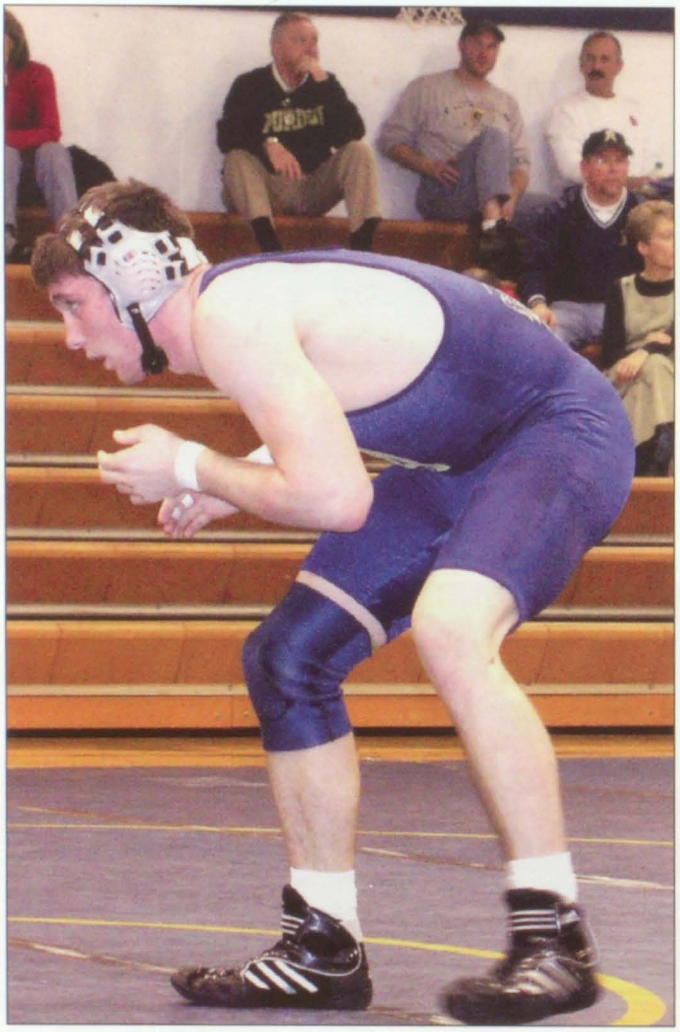


What a set! Junior Jessica Dalke sets the ball to Mandy Stamper her fellow teammate and classmate. Jessica ended the season with 809 sets/assists, and Mandy finished with 28 kills.

Freshmen
Front Row: Ann Barger, Becky Nester, Allison Bevenue, Crystal Raney
Second Row: Blair Keltner, Ellen Nester, Alisha Goodwin, Ashley Sanders
Back Row: Nikki Furmenak, Kim Richter, Coach Gundlach, Michelle White, Anna Fink

Rested and ready. Sophomore Alex Murphy, senior Jack Mueller, and sophomore Josh Raney catch a breath between one of their home matches. While watching teammates compete, the Crusaders discussed strategies and encouraged one another.





Are YOU ready? Junior Mike Raney awaits the opening whistle. Mike, a returning grappler for the Crusaders, proved to be a strength on the squad.

W - Mt. Olive, L – Triad, W – Pittsfield, L – Roxana, W – Waterloo, W – Whitfield, W – Oakwood-Fithian, L – Vandalia, L – Granite City, W – Highland, L – Mascoutah, L – O'Fallon, L – Edwarsville, L – Alton, L – West, L – Civic Memorial, L – Cahokia, L – Mt. Vernon, L – Centralia, W – Marion, L – Carbondale

7-14

Just a little further... Junior Aaron Winning tangles with an opponent before eventually turning him over for a victory. "To end the year with Aaron taking 2nd in state will be another building block for next season," Coach Harris remarked. Aaron used his strength and skill to overpower his opponents throughout the season and through the state tournament.

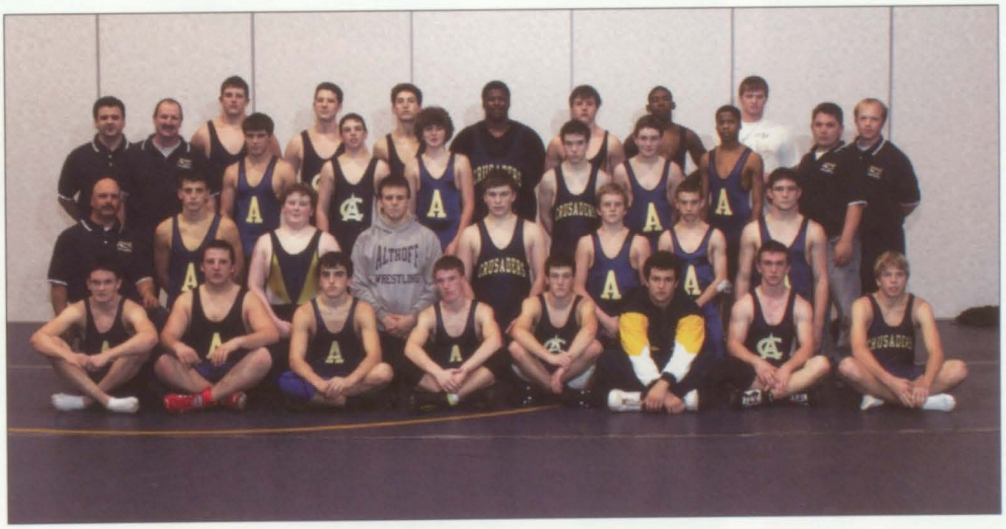
New Faces...
Same Raw Determination

Crusader wrestling hits the mat

The Crusaders, coached by Dave Harris, headed into the season with hopes of competing with top level opponents while building the new developing team. His words on the season were, "This was a very young team that started eight wrestlers that had never seen a wrestling match before this year. They worked hard and improved each and every week. This group will be the foundation for future teams."

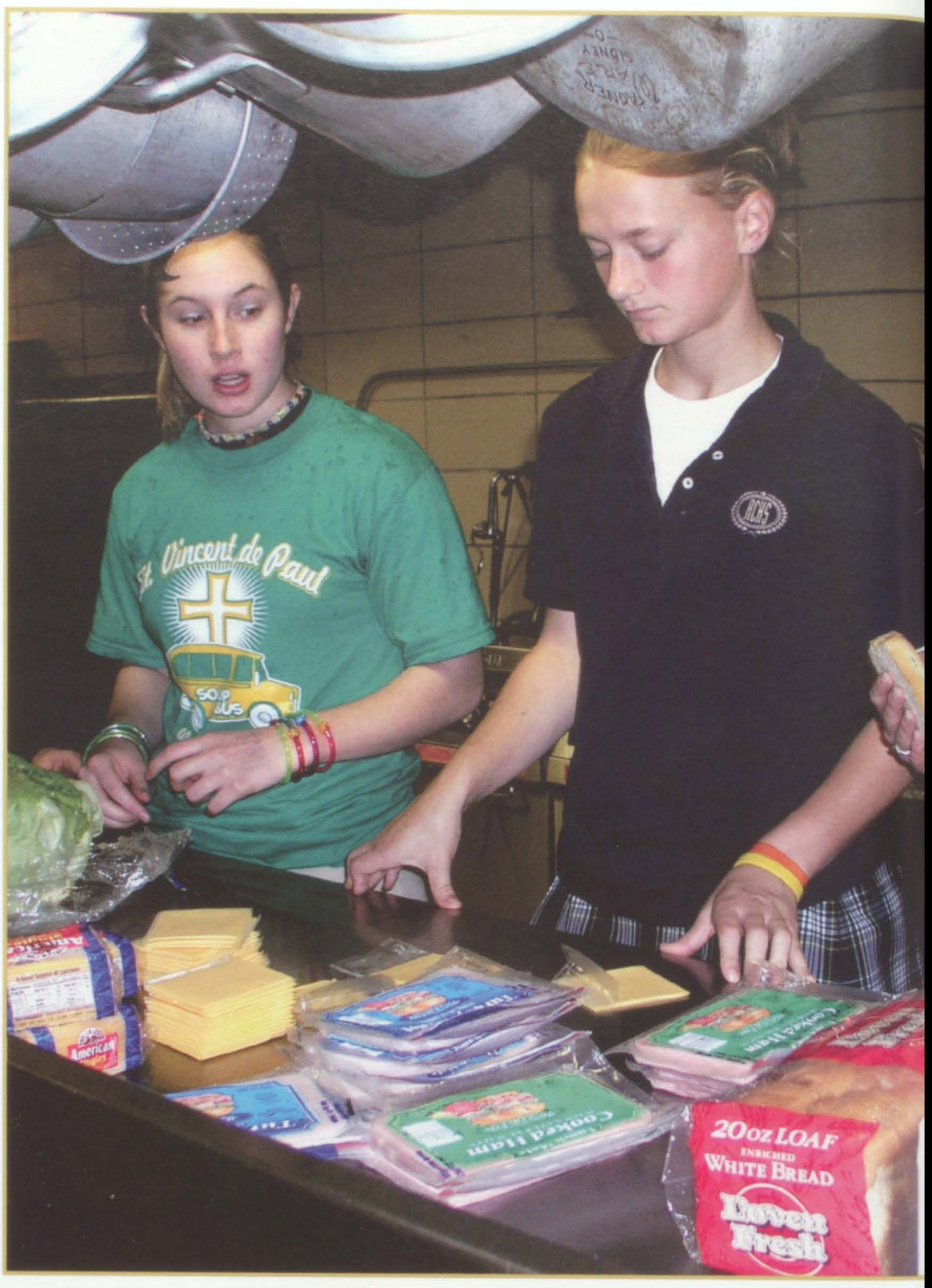
Throughout the season the wrestlers first experienced the many grueling training sessions, followed by the demanding process of making weight, and lastly the thrill of stepping onto the mat for the glory of defeating an opponent. Seniors Drew Cannady and Jack Mueller, who will be greatly missed next season, along with juniors Mike Raney and Aaron Winning were team-leaders for this young but courageous group. "Our seniors, Drew Cannady and Jack Mueller will be missed," Harris exclaimed.

The season's schedule proved to be quite challenging and intense. The Crusaders finished the 2004-2005 campaign with a record of 7-14. Althoff grapplers had 5 sectional qualifiers, Aaron winning, Drew Cannady, Mike Raney, Josh Raney, and Lee Cherry. Drew Cannady and Aaron Winning were ranked 3rd and 2nd, respectively, as Illinois top wrestlers within their designated weight class and were hopefuls for returning to the state tournament. Three wrestlers, Drew Cannady, Mike Raney, and Aaron Winning proudly represented Althoff at state with Aaron Winning finishing 2nd overall.

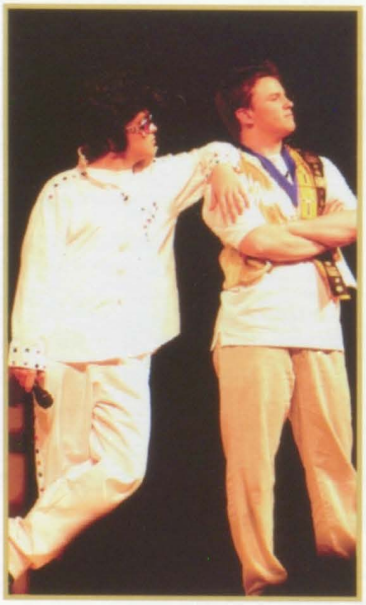


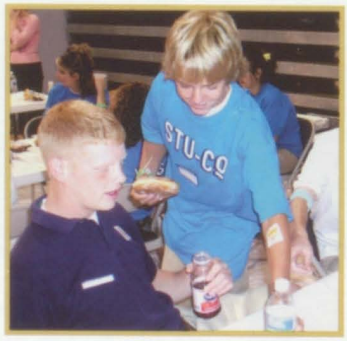
Front Row: Josh Raney, Mike Shadwick, Marcus Grass, Aaron Winning, Blake Tyler, Ben Reeder, Mark Beabout, Alex Murphy.
Second Row: Coach Viglasky, Jack Mueller, Mike Hallbauer, Brett Butz, Josh Massey, Joe Sauerwein, Andrew Dahm, Mike Raney.
Third Row: Coach Harris, Drew Cannady, Zach Moosa, Kyle Frasier, Bryan Katt, Dan Polites, Jeremy Duncan, Coach Huskey, Coach Dintelmann.
Fourth Row: Coach Harper, Zach Umperovich, Kevin Hanrahan, Neal Thouvenot, C.J. Garner, Ben Klene, Lee Cherry, David Kroot.

My bologna has a first name... Senior St. Vincent de Paul members Katie Walsh, Mary Behrmann, and Brittany Cleary make sandwiches to distribute on the Soup Bus. Nearly 100 students participated by either cooking or serving for the Soup Bus program, coordinated by Mr. Bouc and Katie Walsh.



Thank you, thank you very much. Junior Brian Kapp, as Elvis, leans his arm on the shoulder of Joseph, senior Mike Wells, during the drama club performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. *Joseph*, as many called it, was only one of the many times these two actors appeared together on stage in leading roles.





May I help you? Freshman student council member Alex Nester offers a new bottled water and slice of pizza to junior blood donor Chad Richter. The student council members helped out in various ways, including registration and refreshments, at the two Red Cross blood drives, held in Heritage Hall.

WERE YOU... involved?

Go and gather - Exodus 5:11

Go and gather... with your friends, your peers, your schoolmates. Clubs and organizations offer many opportunities and new experiences for interested students. From the big (St. Vincent de Paul) to the small (Latin Club) to the elite (National Honor Society), clubs give students the chance to become involved within the school community.

Not only do extracurricular activities look nice on a college application, but they also introduce students to new worlds. Teens get the chance to learn new skills and showcase talent through involvement in clubs and organizations. Club members, some of whom may have never spoken to each other, have a common bond. For example—that look in the hall when two members are each wearing their science club shirt under their uniform polo. You've seen it, and you think, "Hey, nice shirt." Even more awesome than this coincidence is the relationship formed between club members and moderators. Sometimes, bonds become so strong that your fellow club members are more like another family. And you know where to find them- every other Thursday morning at 7:30 am in room 317.

Were you there to share that common bond? Were you caught sneaking in the back door of the room because you had a hard time getting up that morning? Were you a member, a helper, a leader? Did you help out at the fundraisers? Did you work at the auction for Student Ambassadors or sell popcorn for Rotary? Did you perform in the lead role of the spring musical, or were you stuck in the back row during the curtain call? Were you volunteering? Were you learning? Were you heated? Were you helpful? Were you taking initiative? Were you stepping out of the box to try something new? Were you snatching these opportunities? WERE YOU THERE?

CLUBS

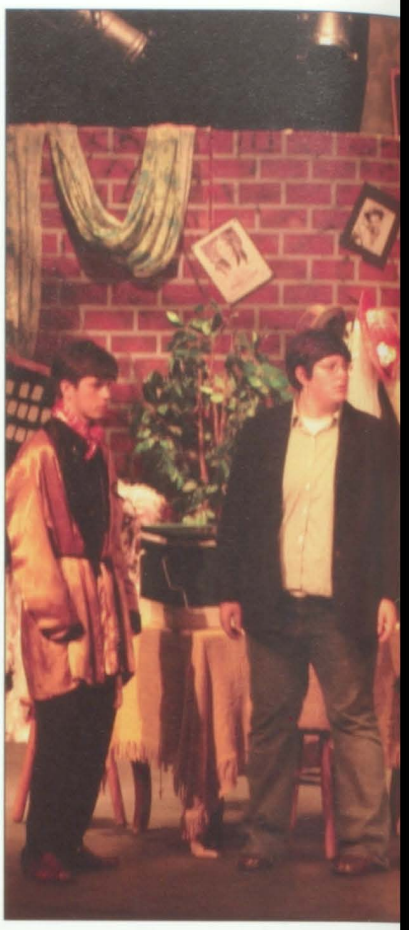
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor...Ax?

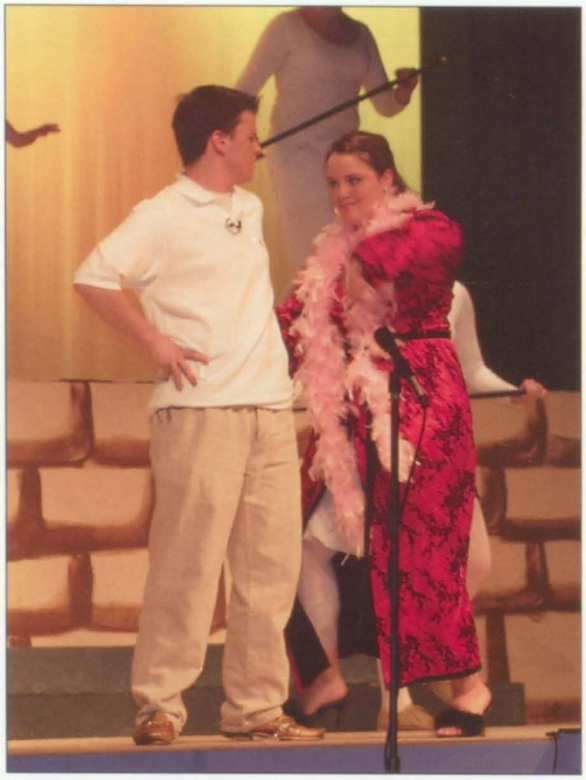
A Musical to DIE for

Before the cast and crew became swept up with the hustle and bustle of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, they performed a play called *Ax of Murder*. Its script was unlike any other; it was *haunted*! Senior Brittany O'Saben played "Lucille," one of the lead roles in the fall play. She joked, "I really enjoyed playing a lead in the fall play, and I even think I was like 'Lucille' in a way. She was always freaking out about something, and I do that from time to time." Although the script was haunted, it made for one funny play. Accents of every kind echoed from the stage, fake *and* real ones. Junior Anna Hawker, the Australian foreign exchange student, made her acting debut in *Ax of Murder*. Hawker remarked, "Some people thought my accent was fake, and they were amazed when they found out that it's real." Others, including sophomores Ryan Mayberry and Shannon McCarkel, brought life to their characters by performing their roles with foreign and hick accents, respectively.

Every year, the drama club conducts a camp for children in grade school. This year, Coach Elaine Laws chose to do the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, a story taken from the Bible. When the members of the club heard of this, they decided they would really enjoy performing it, as well. The time between the auditions for the show and the actual performances spanned merely a month; however, the astonishing dedication of the cast and crew made it one of the finest musicals performed in Althoff history. Principal Sister Jan Renz liked it so much, she allowed for the first time a special performance for the student body. Senior Sara King said, "I was extremely excited to perform for the school, and I was glad we got the opportunity. *Joseph*... is my favorite musical and getting the chance to play the narrator was my favorite part of the year." She, along with junior Jasmine Coleman and senior Catherine Brady, graced the stage as the narrators of Joseph's story of hardships and triumphs. Senior Mike Wells wowed the audience with his lead-role presentation of Joseph.

Most of the "drama kids" agree that playing someone else is fun for a while, but they really enjoy getting the recognition for playing that role. Wells stated, "I live for the curtain call." The curtain call allows the audience to express their appreciation for all those who put a great deal of effort into making the show happen. Coach Laws commented, "We all just do it for the applause."

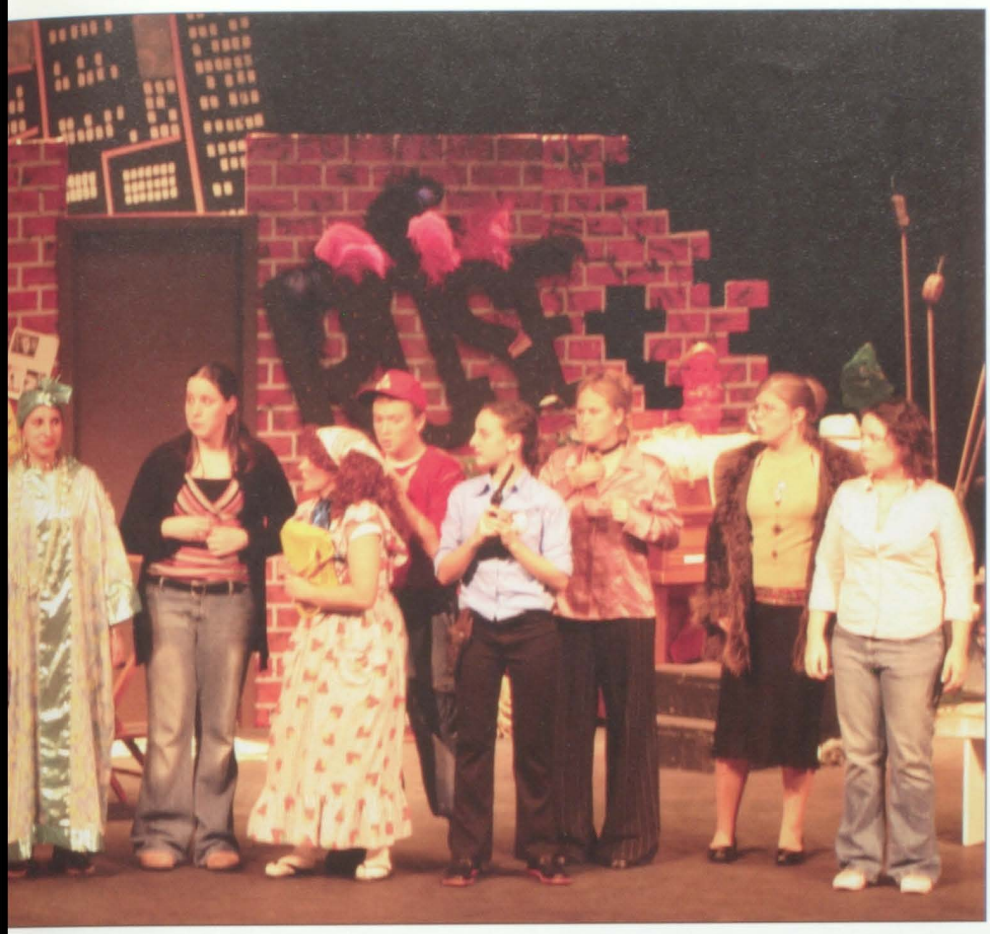




"She was beautiful but *evil*." Seducing him against his will, Pontifar's wife tries to make her husband jealous by flirting with their slave, Joseph. Other than the narrators, O'Saben landed the only other female role in the musical; though, other females played male characters.

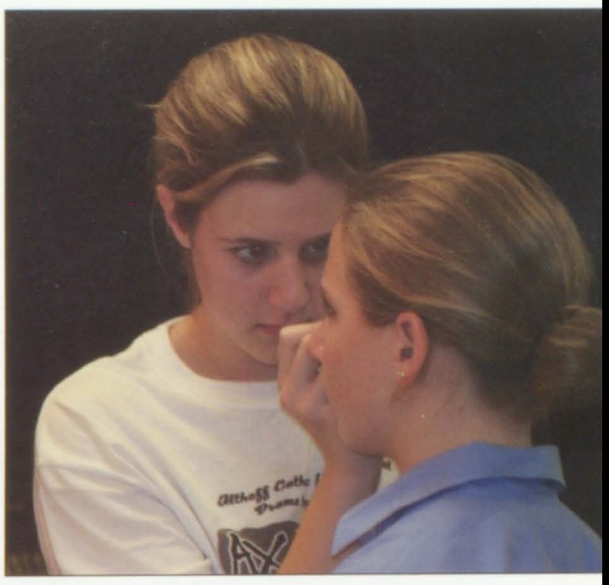
Joseph's brothers...and sisters. Jealous of their father's favoritism for Joseph, the brothers plan to get rid of Joseph by throwing him into a pit. Some females played 'brothers' in the musical due to a shortage of males in the drama club.

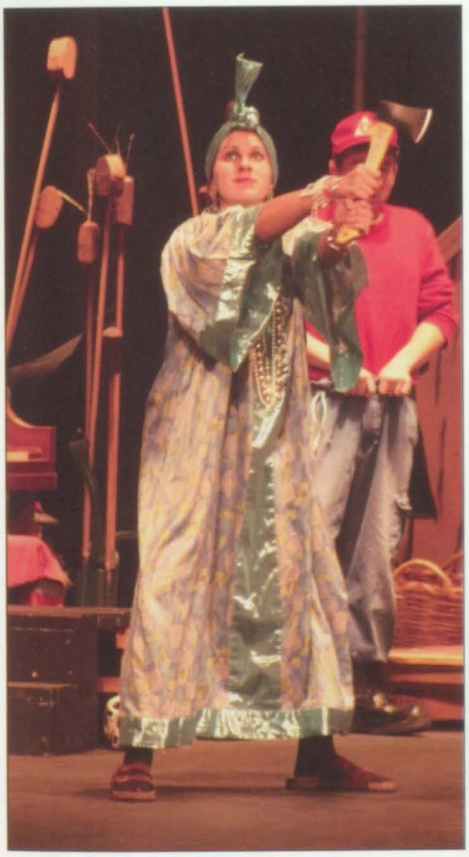
Go, Pharaoh, go! The narrators cheer on the pharaoh as he tells Joseph of his wild dream. Kapp said, "Pharaoh was my favorite part of the year; I got to portray something I'm really not in my everyday life."



The script's going to *what*? The cast of *Ax of Murder* begins to get scared of what may happen to them as a result of reading the script. (From left to right: Mayberry, King, sophomore Allie Kauling, sophomore Katie Shea, McCarkel, Kapp, freshman Emily LeBeau, Brady, Hawker, and Haas.) The set was designed by Jeremy Wilkin, a friend of Coach Laws; it was a hodge-podge of many sets already used by the drama club, with the addition of the hand-made brick walls.

Okay, don't move. Junior Catherine Klene, a crew member, helps out freshman Sarah Henrichs with her eye makeup for her debut role in *Ax of Murder*. Henrichs usually worked crew, but agreed to be an extra police officer in the play. She said, "Crew's awesome because even if you don't have many lines in the play, you can still feel involved."



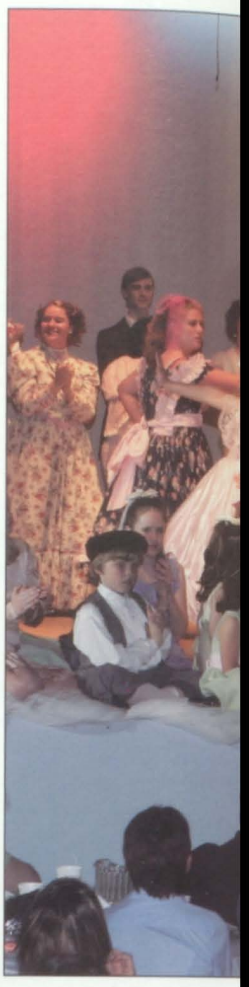


Psychic gone psycho! By merely holding the murderous ax, the psychic can tell many bad things will happen as a result of reading the haunted script. Kauling said, "The audience's reaction to my role was amazing. It's that feeling you get when you know all eyes are on you that makes me love acting with an ardent passion."

Togetherness is good. The small group watches intently as another one of their friends reads the *Ax of Murder* script and risks death. In the play, they all decided their best bet would be to stick together and watch each other's backs.

The Melodious Conman

Creating "Trouble" in River City



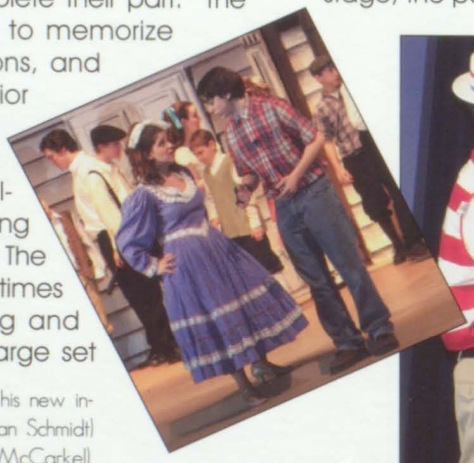
"There's always a band, kid."

Professor Harold Hill, played by senior Mike Wells in Althoff's presentation of Meredith Willson's *The Music Man*, spoke these very words. The quote not only served as a pivotal moment in the show, but it also served as an emotional memory for the students who were involved in the spring musical. They knew there would always be another show, play, or opportunity to see the many friends they made at the rehearsals and shows.

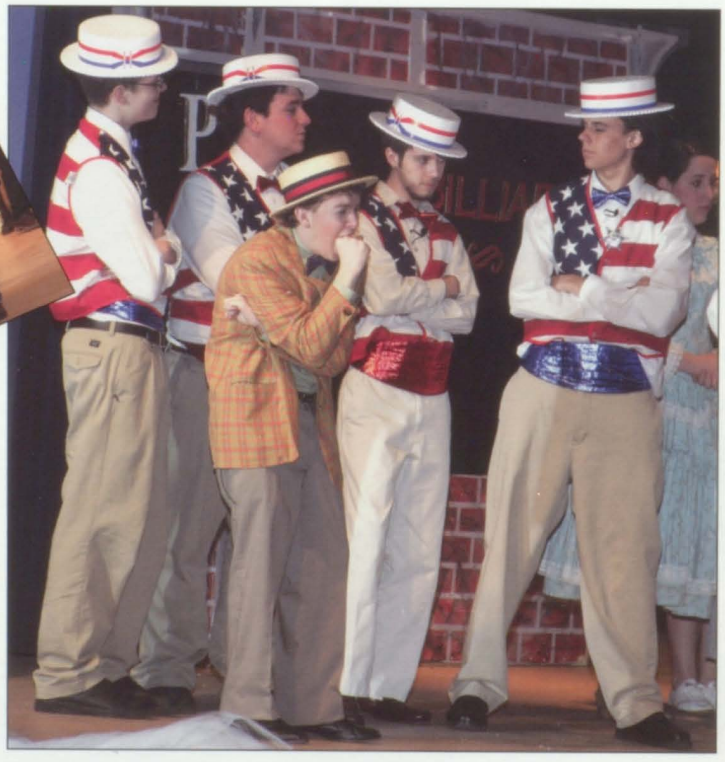
The Music Man attracted many newcomers into the "drama family." Senior Lucas Gehrs enjoyed his time spent as a first-time crew member, while junior Ryan Brummer, who had worked as a crew member in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in the fall, decided to give performing a shot. Brummer disclosed after the last performance of the show on Sunday night, "I don't want it to be over. I've had so much fun and made so many friends; I just want to do it again." Nearly all the students in the show shared his opinion. Despite the late-night rehearsals and the stressfulness of the thirty-or-so young children who were also involved in the show, most everyone left that Sunday night with good memories. All their hard work paid off. Audience members of every age praised the actors, actresses, and crew for a job well done. Sophomore Alyssa Anderson saw the show and said, "I loved the dancing. "Shipoopi" was my favorite, and the set was just beautiful."

Putting on a musical like *The Music Man* took the combined efforts of many, many people. Each different section had to complete their part. The actors and actresses had to memorize songs, lines, stage directions, and some dance moves. Junior Grant Walsh designed the entire set for the show, and the crew had the responsibility of constructing and painting all of the separate pieces. The stage crew practiced many times before they got the timing and transitioning of the many large set pieces to fall into place. Many of the actors and actresses also served as crew members, in order to experience every part of the show and help out where they were needed. Mr. Dave Sebesac conducted the pit for the show. The pit not only consisted of students, but some parents also decided to help out. One parent, in particular, was Mrs. Penny Masur, a science teacher at Althoff who also had a daughter in the show. Her daughter sang and acted as a part of the junior chorus. Each child who wanted to become part of the junior chorus had to endure the same audition process as the rest of the high school cast. That included reciting lines, singing, and dancing. All together, around sixty high school students and around thirty grade school students were involved in making *The Music Man* the success it was. They were not the only ones who deserve credit, however. They could not have put on a play at all if it was not for the direction of Ms. Elaine Laws. She worked with all of the cast, crew, and pit members to make sure opening night went off without a hitch.

For the seniors, they completed their last performance of a high school musical. Some, like senior Sara King, will go on to act and sing in college. Others, like Wells, the star of the fall *and* spring musicals, decided that they had enough of the limelight. All the seniors in the drama club were rewarded for their time and effort at the Curtain Call (the awards banquet for the performing arts) with a small rubber chicken key-chain, called an "Ed." The key chain will help them remember the lights, the makeup, the stage, the people, and of course, the band.



Tommy's contraption. Excited about his new invention, Tommy Djilas (freshman Jonathan Schmidt) shows it to his love, Zeneeta Shinn (McCarkell). Tommy and Zeneeta's puppy-love story continued throughout the show, always hindered by Zeneeta's father, Mayor Shinn (junior Chris Schmidt).



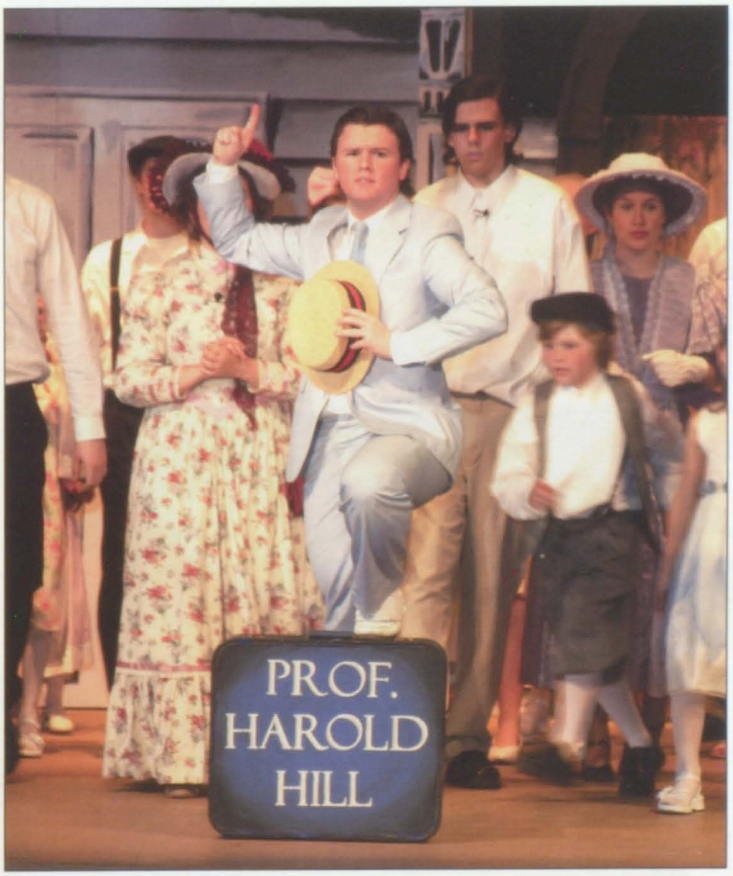
The accomplice. Standing tall and valiant, the school board members (freshman Colin Galvin, junior Grant Walsh, sophomore Ryan Mayberry, and Brummer) keep watch over Hill's partner in crime, Marcellus (junior Brian Kapp). The fearless four also sang as a barbershop quartet throughout the show.

"Shipoopi" The dance chorus leads the rest of the cast in the main dance number, "Shipoopi." Althoff alumnus Crystal Playter choreographed almost all of the show, assisted by sophomore Shannon McCarkel, who added a ballet duet to the "Madame Librarian" scene.

Well, ladies... A group of prominent women in River City (junior Stephanie Schroeder, senior Roxy Haas, sophomore Allison Kauling, senior Lori LeChien, and senior Brittany O'Saben) listens intently to Professor Hill (Wells) as he tells them of his brilliant idea. This group of ladies was more commonly known as the "Pick-a-little" ladies due to one of their main songs in the show.

That stands for POOL! Professor Harold Hill, played by senior Mike Wells, warns the town of River City, Iowa, of the dangers of their new pool table. Senior crew members Cory Brennan and Robert Gullage made a cameo at the beginning of this scene when they carried the pool table prop across the stage, dressed as regular citizens.

Iowa attitude. The cast from *The Music Man* expresses their "stubborn" opinions in the song "Iowa Stubborn." Almost the entire cast was on stage during this number; it required many practices to get everyone to move in sync with each other.

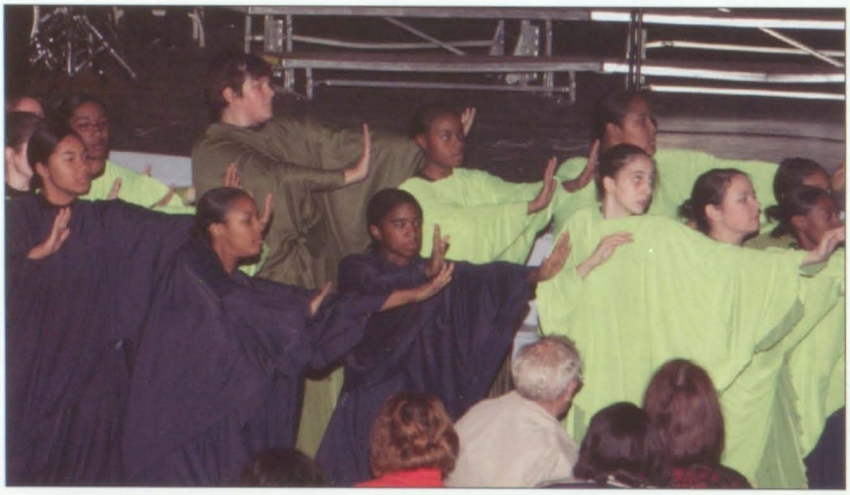


Gospel Crusaders

Steppin' Out to Sing Praises

The Althoff Gospel Crusaders and Praise Dance Ministry served the Althoff family, the Diocese of Belleville, and even other parts of the United States. The Gospel Crusaders was comprised of over 65 students from various Christian faith traditions. Fr. Ferd Cheri and Pastor LaRon Stover directed the Gospel Crusaders, with assistance from Coach Elaine Laws. Ms. Traci Holloway-Wiggins directed the Praise Dance Ministry. This group of young girls did interpretive dance to spiritual/gospel music. Instructor Ferd Cheri commented, "Their ministry enlivens worship celebrations, proclaims the good news, and tells the story for Christian people of every race, language, and way of life." The student's favorite song, "Step Out," provided excitement to school Masses. The upbeat music prompted many of the students to clap and sing along.

The school year began with a liturgical retreat where some Althoff students and staff members joined special artist Kenya Griffin, Praise Dance Director from Atlanta, Georgia. They participated in a special Mass offered by Bishop Wilton Gregory for diocesan benefactors, lead songs for the Catholic Charities Prayer Breakfast, and hosted three new music seminars. The Gospel Crusaders offered their annual Fall and Spring concerts, titled: "I Will Look to the Hills" and "We Lift the Savior Up." Senior Sharronda Williams said regarding the concerts, "Our concerts are not only a way for the audience to hear our songs, but also a way for them to join us in praising God."



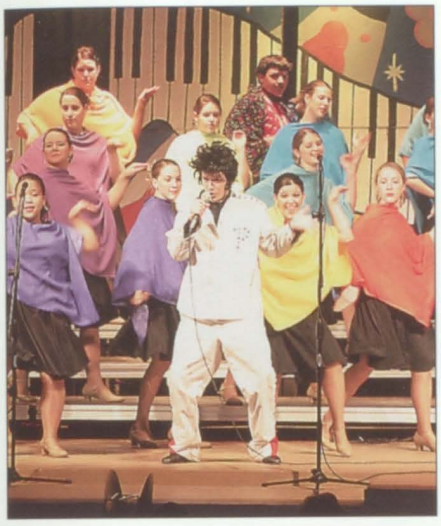
Lift your voice in praise. Senior Lori LeChien performs her solo with her spirited vocals. Lori had been a member of the Gospel Crusaders since its debut in 2002.

Moved by the spirit. Praise Dance members perform during the "I Am God" concert at Althoff. This group of dancers grew in number each year.

The Gospel Crusaders

Show Choir
Front Row: Katherine Mendiola, Brittany O'Saben, Shannon McCarkel, Kayla Samuelson
Second Row: Sara King, Bailey Tantsits, Dawn Gray, Sarah Henrichs, Katherine Shea, Jessica Weissert
Third Row: Krista Jones, Grant Walsh, Brian Kapp, Kathryn Abegg
Fourth Row: Catherine Klene, Christine Zacharski, Whitley Abell, Jessica Woods
Back Row: Allison Kauling, Jonathan Schmidt, Roxy Haas

"Pharaoh, Pharaoh." These Show Choir members are performing their "Welcome to the 60's" production at the spring concert. They performed this energetic show countless times throughout the year.



Welcome to the 60's

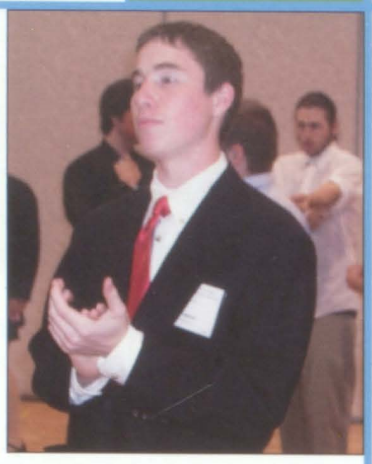
"Crusader Innovation" Dances Back in Time

This year "Crusader Innovation," Althoff's Show Choir, boasted 21 members and a stage crew of four. Director Mrs. Lydia Dudzik, assistant, costume and set designer Ms. Elaine Laws, and musical director Pastor LaRon Stover based the membership on auditions demonstrating dance and vocal skills.

Director Lydia Dudzik said, "When not traveling around the country performing and competing, 'Crusader Innovation' performed for community organizations, nursing homes, and countless Christmas parties." Some of the many show choir performances included: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Picnic, Blessed Sacrament Women's Sodality Christmas Party, Rosemont Nursing Home, and the ACHS Christmas Concert. Not only did they have special performances, they also competed. The theme of this year's show was "Welcome to the 60's." "Crusader Innovation" received a Gold Award and second place in their division at the Showcase of Excellence Show Choir Competition in Quincy, Illinois. Despite all their hard work, this busy group of performers enjoyed what they did. Junior Krista Jones commented, "Show Choir is a great way to represent Althoff while singing, dancing, and having fun."

Where in the World...

Students debate world issues without leaving the states



Bravo. Junior Rob Samuelson stands in Heritage Hall waiting for the bus which will take him and fellow Model U.N. members to McKendree College. He stated, "Model is just like debate, which is a fancy word for two countries arguing and ripping out each others' throats."

united: *adj.*

1. Combined into a single entity
2. Concerned with, produced by, or resulting from mutual action
3. Being in harmony; agreed

nation: *n.*

1. A relatively large group of people organized under a single, usually independent government, a country
2. The government of a sovereign state
3. A people who share common customs, origins, history, and frequently language

Do you know where the countries of France, Ireland, Latvia, and Estonia are? Do you even know these places exist? A group of students, led by Ms. Laws, knew not only where these places were, but also the local and economic affairs of these countries. This is what Model United Nations is about – to familiarize students with the inner workings of the real United Nations. Sophomore Bradley Glenn stated, "Model UN is a great thing for students to experience. Also, it's fun to debate."

Ah, I see. Junior Bobby Schimittling, a veteran Model UN member, shows new-comer freshman Luis Rodriguez the ropes of Model UN. This year Model UN included seven seniors, eleven juniors, five sophomores, and two freshmen.

To test their knowledge of these countries McKendree College hosted fall and spring sessions for area schools to debate their countries' affairs. Prior to these sessions, students researched their countries' economic, social, and government affairs, wrote resolutions, and debated them in their respective committees, such as special political, economic and social, general assembly, legal, political, and security council. The Model UN mimicked the real life versions seen on the news. At these sessions, representatives from all over the world came together to discuss key issues on peace, security, and economic development.

So why are these students in a club for something they could just watch on television? Freshman Brinkley Cox answered this questioned, "You get a better understanding of what [the UN] is all about, and you get to witness first hand what the UN representatives have to go through. Also, it looks great on your college record!"

Bumpy bus ride. Junior Chris Schmidt talks to fellow Model UN members on the way to McKendree College. Chris declared, "Model UN is a lot of fun learning about debate in our world's governing body."

Front Row: Chris Schmidt, Luis Rodriguez, Zach Escher, Mike Wells, Rob Samuelson
Second Row: Jasmine Coleman, Abbey Fritz, Ally Burrow, Jim Mannix, Katie Jenks, Maura McGlynn
Third Row: Grant Walsh, Jessica Werner, Margaret McGlynn, Marci Smith, Lauren Hettenhausen, Kyle Detmer
Fourth Row: Bobby Schmittling, Anne Gavin, Aaron Marshall, Brinkley Cox, Rachel Joyce
Back Row: Brandon Maberry, Bryan Ondercho, Bradley Glenn

Hard at work. Senior Maura McGlynn and junior Ally Burrow try to kill time during a break at the spring session at Mckendree College. Both Maura and Ally had different jobs and countries on Model UN; Maura was a first delegate of Latvia, and Ally was a delegate for France.

Front page news

The Crusader at its best!

The Crusader Newspaper took a leap forward this year with a new attitude for publication. Different editors served on different aspects of the paper so that the workload was more evenly distributed, as opposed to one person doing all the work.

The newspaper staff also chose to paint their room this year. Each wall was painted a different color with a palm tree as the centerpiece of the back wall. The new room really seemed to suit the staff well.

The goal of the staff this year was to publish monthly with nine editions, surpassing the number of papers published in recent years. With topics ranging from Mrs. Newton to Senior Service Projects to Homecoming, the paper hoped to address many interests. Senior Mike Wells commented, "I looked forward to the newspaper because it is interesting and informative. Besides, what else did we have monthly that we could really view the students' opinion through?"

Don Haida, The Newspaper Czar

Headline: The Crusader staff and editors ponder on their upcoming issue. Each issue of the paper boasted different feature articles to insure variety in content.

First Row: Meghan Wilson, Roxy Haas, Emily Rauh, Kayla Korves.
Second Row: Brittany O'Saben, Katie Jenks, Margaret McGlynn, Maura McGlynn, Cory Brennan, Jacqueline Joergensen.
Third Row: Andrew Spier, Brian Roewe, Justin Schmidt, Lauren Hettenhausen, Mr. Don Haida.

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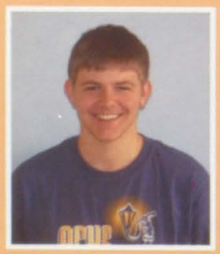
Kayla Korves
Photography Editor



Cory Brennan
Photography/Layout Editor

Jacqueline Joergensen
Feature Editor

Andrew Spier
Layout Editor

Maura McGlynn
Sports Editor

Katie Jenks
Editorial Editor

Spanish Club

El Premier Del Club Español

First Row: Rosemary Moor, Annabell Almeida.
Second Row: Claire Seper, Katherine Shellenberg, Roxy Haas, Katie Moor, and Mrs. Laura Ochoa.

The 2004-2005 school year marked the re-birth of the Spanish Club. Mrs. Laura Ochoa, a new face in the Spanish Department, served as moderator. President Katherine Shellenberg, sophomore, along with junior Vice President Annabell Almeida were in charge of the agenda and club activities. The Spanish Club accomplished a lot to help the members learn and become more oriented with the Spanish language and culture while having fun; they even danced in their classrooms. Annabell said, "I really liked the field trip we took this year. We had a scavenger hunt at Mexican stores and ate at a Mexican restaurant. We even made piñatas."

Latin Club

"Semper ubi sub ubi!"

Front Row: Lindsey Goetz, Ashley Crannage, Kayla Korves, Angela Comana.
Second Row: Anne Orlet, Katherine Walsh, Sarah Barnhart, Gabrielle Inyart.
Third Row: Mrs. Karen Foeller, Nick Nelson, Jack Harms, Jim Mannax, Laura Comana, Bailey Tansits.

"Semper ubi sub ubi" loosely translates as, "Always wear underwear!" Members of the Latin Club know that this is a favorite quote of their moderator, Mrs. Karen Foeller.

Co-Presidents Angela Comana and Kayla Korves set agendas and planned meetings. Katherine Walsh served as secretary of the club.

The Latin Club did a lot more than just wear underwear though. Their monthly meetings promoted interaction across grade levels by club members. This year they even had a Christmas party and threw in a little trivia at the same time.

Counting Sucess

Math team adds to the competition

This year's Math Team counted their way to great success with the help of the team coach, Mrs. Dot Mueller. Each of the fifteen members competed both individually and together as a team in various competitions at SWIC this fall. This small club worked very hard every other week at practices at SWIC and their determination paid off in a 3rd place trophy from the Southwestern Math Conference. At the end of the contests, the team brought home eight medals and 15 ribbons. "Our group had a lot of fun this year, we all worked together really well!" said freshman Grace Burnworth. When the season was over, and all of the equations were solved, the whole team still said, honestly that math was fun!

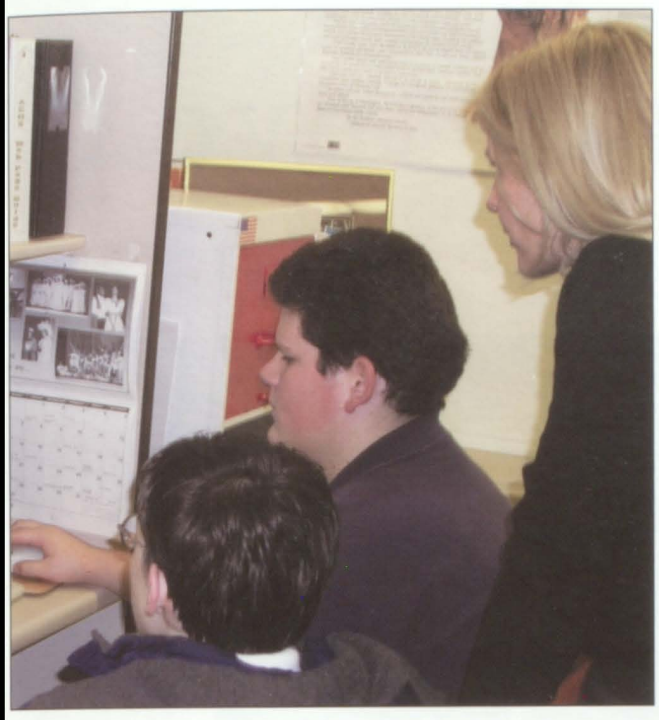
Front Row: Katie Jenks, Katie Walsh, Kathleen McGlynn, Rachel Flake Jennifer Yordy, Shelley Schindler.
Back Row: Brian Lee, Chris Buchheit, Laura Comana, Grace Burnworth, Angela Comana, Ashley Abell.

Let's get to work! Sophomore Jennifer Yordy works tediously to finish her problem. During the competitions students had to work quickly, but dependably.

Put your pencils down. Senior Angela Comana and sophmore Laura Comana take time for a snack in between problems. Once these sisters and the rest of the students had finished their work, they had time to relax.

Time to focus. Freshman Grace Burnworth is finishing up her long math problem with ease, showing that math can be fun! Students had to work a variety of problems, such as word problems and long equations; some were easier while others were very long and time-consuming.

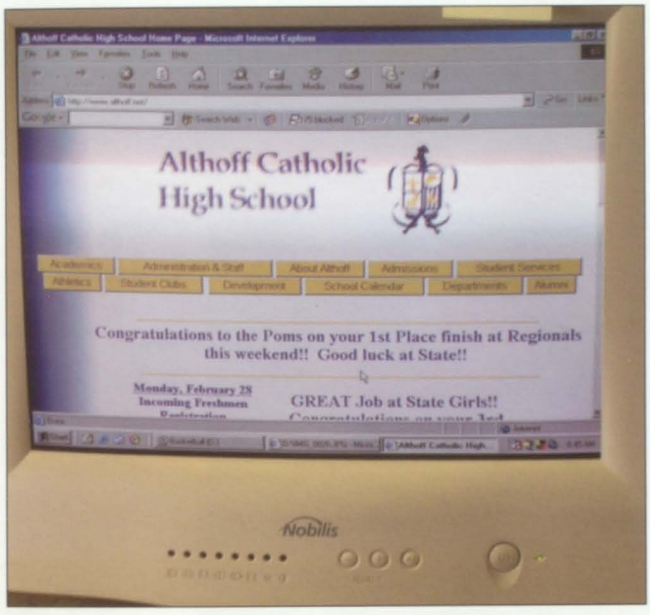
One quick glance. Mrs. Kempland takes a quick glance at the changes students have made. As the moderator of the club, she advised students on what to do, but most importantly reminded them to have fun!

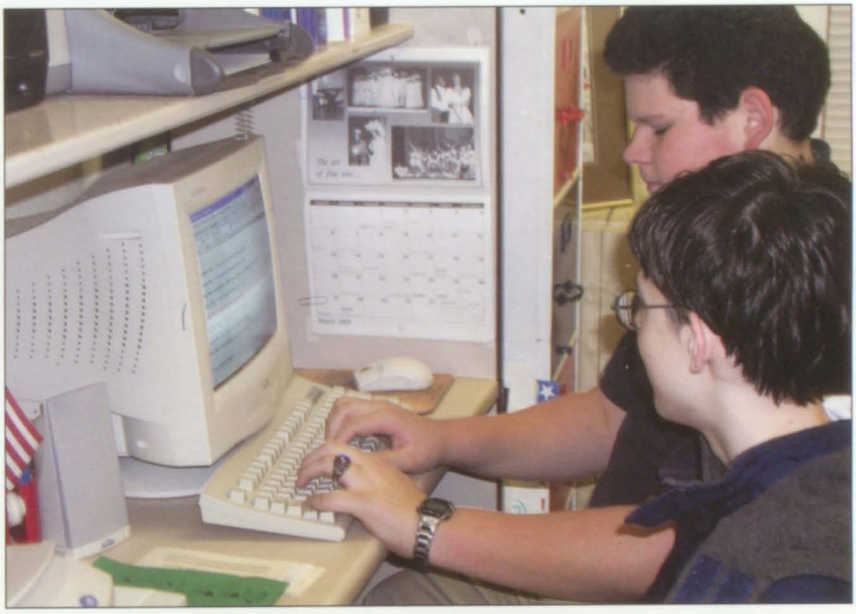


Surf's Up!

The Web Page Club makes a splash on the Web!

As the popularity of the Internet continued to grow, so did the Althoff web page. Mrs. Kempland was the moderator of the club and her classroom was where the magic happened. Students went to her room any chance they had to update the school's web page with the information they had gathered. It was updated every week and contained information on sporting events, clubs, academics, the school calendar, and faculty members. The club members also created links for other helpful and important school sites. The two faithful members, Junior Brian Lee and Sophomore Jared Gruenewald, have continually worked hard and to the best of their abilities. There was no doubt that they have accomplished a lot for the school's web page, like making sure that the page was reliable, helpful, and interesting. To see what the club has been working on, check out www.althoff.net.





The final product. After the technical work is done, this page is online for the world to access.

Linking together. Jared Gruenwald and Brian Lee, pictured at left, work together to help get more updating accomplished. This teamwork really helped to get work done because of the small group.

"Interacting" with the World

Students in Rotary set school, community, and global goals.

The Rotary Interact Club, a service club, was comprised of 127 students. The organization, under the direction of Mr. Greg Leib, performed goals on school, community, and global levels. At school, the club established a scholarship program for an Althoff student in need and cleaned the school grounds. The club had one of the largest Toys for Tots Toy Drives in the area, stocked food pantry shelves in St. Clair County, and volunteered at the chili cook off for the community. On a global level, the club sent aid to hurricane victims in the Caribbean. The Rotary Club also sent members to participate in the Youth Leadership Program. As one of the largest Interact clubs in the area, Althoff Rotary students were dedicated to serving people in need in every possible way.

Toys for... teens? Theresa Lisch and Paul Hayhurst organize toys for the Toys for Tots Toy Drive. Theresa said, "Rotary is a great way to give back to the community. It is very beneficial for students to participate in this club."

"I really enjoy doing events with Rotary because I am able to help so many people in the community." -Sophomore Chelsea Thompson commented on participating in Rotary Interact.

Love Your Neighbor

St. Vincent de Paul Club reaches out with helping hands

Counting cans. Seniors Cory Brennan and Kelly Stein gather food for the annual food drive. Cory commented, "The canned food drive was a huge success and produced more food than ever before. I never want to see another can of string beans in my entire life."

Cullinary creations. Juniors Chad Richter and Jackie Ackermann begin to prepare food for a trip on the Soup Bus. Various students and faculty volunteer on the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Bus; they are committed to serving the needy in poor neighborhoods of East St. Louis twice a month.

Feeding the poor, bringing shelter to the homeless, and clothing the naked are three works of mercy performed by the St. Vincent de Paul Club. This service group consisted of 80 students, who helped the needy in a variety of ways such as the annual canned food drive, Soup Bus, Secret Santa, and a clothing drive. This service organization met once a month to discuss upcoming events. Mr. John Bouc, the St. Vincent de Paul moderator, commented, "Everyone is always welcome to be a part of St. Vincent de Paul. As baptized people, we are all called to 'love our neighbor' in any way we can help."

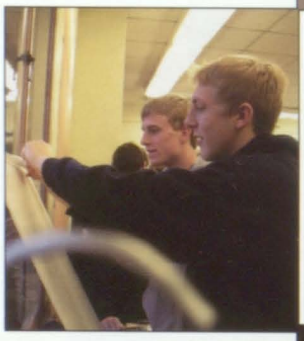
Mad Scientists

Science Club inspires students to draw their own conclusions

Believe it or not, Science Club members do not have to be qualified rocket scientists. Members must only be willing to serve on one of the committees. Some participants do not even take a science class. Science club is moderated by Mrs. Tiedeman and Mrs. Newton and made up of different committees. Zoo keepers take care of the school's animals which include: a mouse, an iguana, a ferret, and multiple fish. Recyclers help orchestrate the recycling program, empty bins on a regular basis, and even organize recycling contests. The special events committee organizes school-wide competitions each quarter. Many students participate events such as the paper air plane and "Human Water Pump" contests. The Science Olympiad committee runs a grade school competition in which feeder schools are invited to test their science knowledge. In the Wilderness Adventures Club, members are given the opportunity to fraternize with nature on a weekend-long camping trip. Even though the club is divided, all members share a common bond—a love for science and fun.

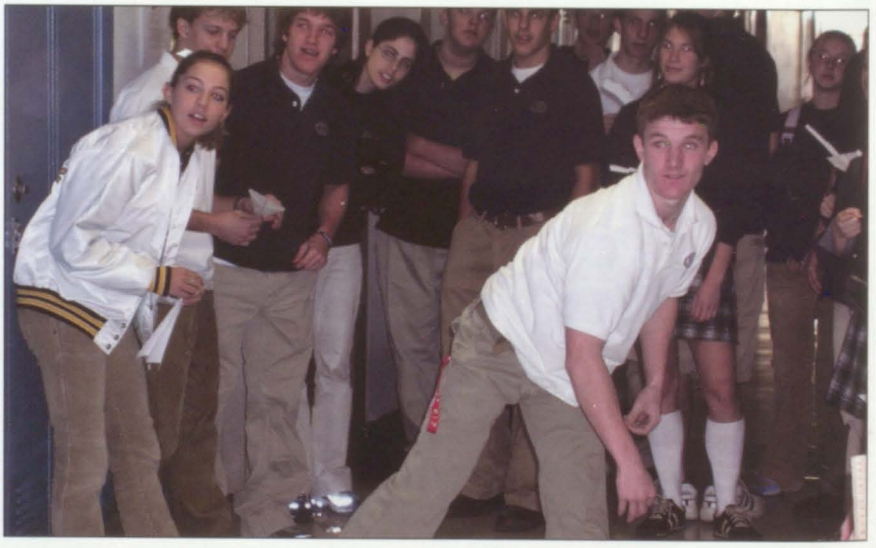
Front Row: Mrs. Tiedemann, Maureen Smith, Lauren Hettenhausen, Katie Walsh, Suzanne Kniepkamp, Katie Jenks, Tessa Louis.
Second Row: Ashley Crannage, Jarrod Gruenewald, Alexia Overton, Natalie Lauer, Nicole Jenks, David Schoen, Brian Roewe, Ryan Horace, Ellen Grimm.
Third Row: Cory Brennan, Jackie Ackermann, Katie Keefe, Emily Grimm, Liz Ebel, Jennifer Yordy, Amy Gaertner, Kathleen McGlynn.
Back Row: Shawn Ebel, Chris Gaertner, Ron Madlock, Chad Richter, D.J. Bentivoglio, Bryan Lee, Angela Comana, Laura Comana, Kim Richter, Sara Barnhart, Margaret McGlynn, Rosey Morr, Angela Bozsa, Katie Morr.

Intelligent inventors. Senior Jack Mueller watches fellow senior David Pardo and junior Will Nester test their contraption in the "Human Water Pump" contest. Students were required to suck water up their "pump", and the team with the fastest time won.

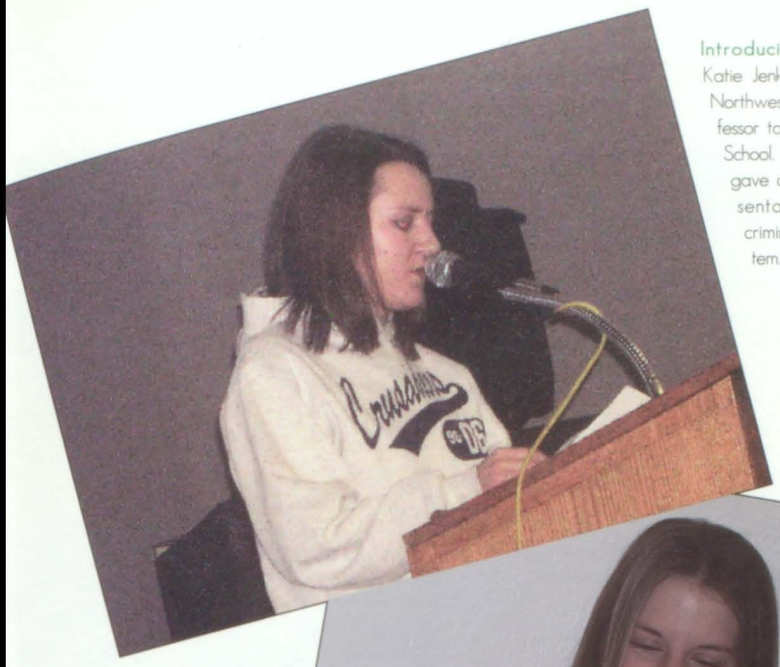


Gifted guinea pigs. Seniors David Schoen and Brian Roewe test a Science Olympiad event. A couple hundred grade school students ventured to Althoff this year for Science Olympiad; it was held on two nights both themed, "Draw your own conclusions."

Objective operator. Senior Ryan Young runs part of the "Human Water Pump" contest. He was a member of the special events committee which ran and organized this event and others.



Nifty navigator. Junior Aaron Winning throws his paper airplane while observers look on in amazement. Participants in the paper airplane contest designed an airplane and competed to win a cash prize for the farthest distance flown.



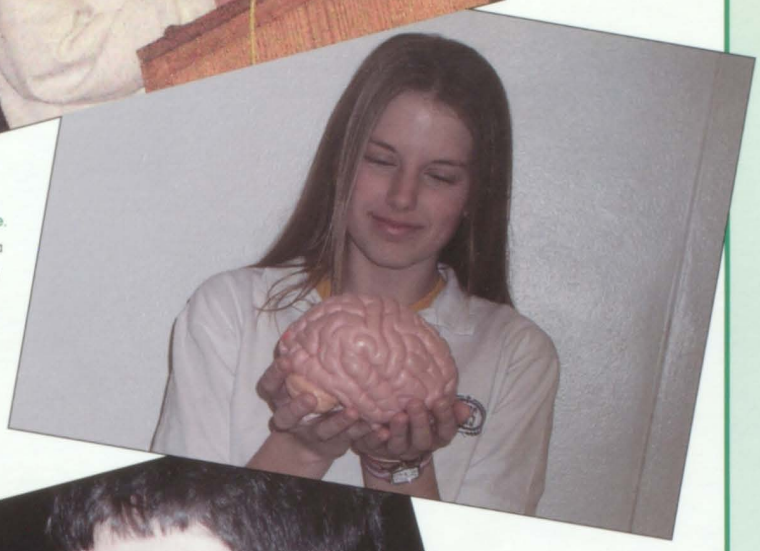
Introducing... Senior Katie Jenks welcomes a Northwestern Law professor to O'Fallon High School. The professor gave a detailed presentation on the criminal justice system.

Sleepless Saturdays

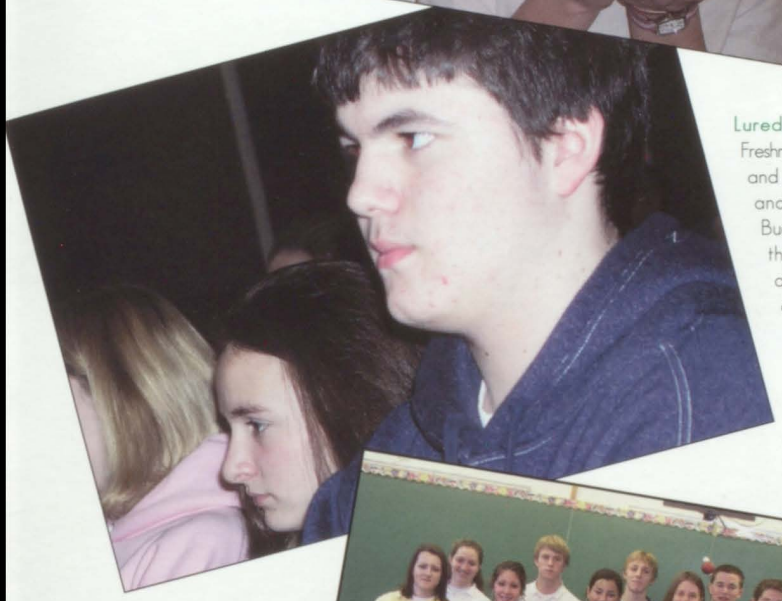
Saturday scholars "forfeit" Saturday mornings for this lecture series

Members of Saturday Scholars were invited to attend three lectures on Saturday mornings in February. Students were fascinated by a CIA agent and Congressman Jerry Costello speaking about 9-11, dazzled during a lecture about the criminal justice system, and enthralled when they saw the world through a scientist's eyes.

They also took a field trip to St. Louis University to view a cadaver dissection. A medical student gave a presentation on the body and passed around a heart, lungs, and other organs. Sophomore Chris Buchheit commented, "It was really cool. How many people can say they've held a human brain?" Losing the opportunity to sleep in on a Saturday morning can be depressing, but these individuals would definitely say it was worth it.



I see dead people. Sophomore Angela Bozsa holds a human brain. Participants saw the brain up close during the dissection at St. Louis University.



Lured Listeners. Freshman Catherine Schmidt and Kathleen McGlynn and sophmore Chris Buchheit watch an enthralling presentation about the world. A scientist explained the world from his point of view hoping to give students a new perspective.

Front Row: Maura McGlynn, Margaret McGlynn, Erin Plotner, Sara Burnworth, Jackie Haas.
Second Row: Katie Jenks, Alyssa Anderson, Tiffany Taylor, Angela Bozsa, Brett Schroeder, Lauren Hettenhausen, Mrs. Tiedemann.
Back Row: Sara Dix, David Schoen, Brian Roewe, Justin Schmidt, Chris Buchheit.

Scholar Bowl
Front Row: Mrs. Masur, Jennifer Yordy, Shelley Schindler, Katherine Porter, Katie Joy, Brittany Rattler
Second Row: Alex Nester, Andy Lawder, Brian Lee, Zach Escher, Ashley DeRousse, Rachel Flake
Back Row: Megan Buese, Ann Cheatham, Angela Bozsa, Chris Buchheit, John Middendorff, Matt Edelmann, Grace Burnworth

Yeah... We're the Smart Ones

WYSE Guys Finish First

That is, of course, the WYSE team, who flashed an intellect as bright as the green shirts they sported in competition this year. WYSE stands for Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering. Led by Mrs. Tiedmann at the regional competition held at SWIC, the 14 team members each took two tests in subjects ranging from biology and chemistry to computer science and English. Not only did some team members receive many individual awards, but the team also earned 1st place in their division. With this finish, they proceeded on to sectionals at McKendree College. Here, the scholars again placed well, with medals as well as state bids awarded to Alex Graubner-Mueller, Angela Comana, Shelley Schindler, and Katie Jenks. The team earned a 3rd place finish.

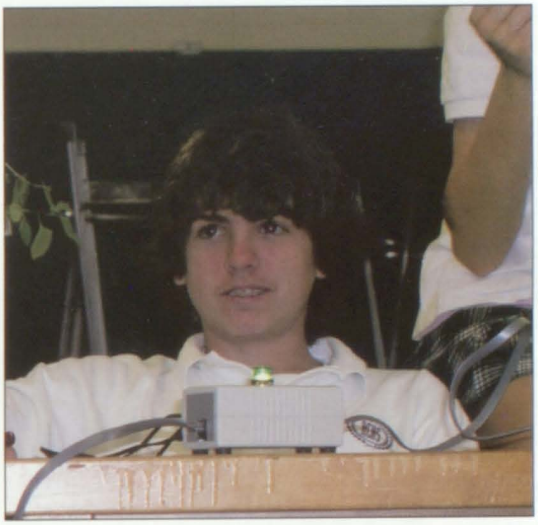
The WYSE team, however, was not the only group shaking the academic world. The Scholar Bowl team had another fun-filled season under coach Mrs. Masur. From the after-school practices to the matches, these kids showed how knowledge is not only for the classroom. The team tested their knowledge in intense matches against Mater Dei, Triad, and Alton as well as others. In the regional competition, the varsity team left with a fourth place finish. Both WYSE and Scholar Bowl provided opportunities for students to further learning in various areas outside of the classroom.

Gimme a W... WYSE Members try their best to spell out their favorite club. During a break from testing at regional testing, some decided to spend some time at a nearby park during a break from testing.

Teamwork... Sophmore Jennifer Yordy prepares to ring in as teammate Zach Escher offers advice. A quick buzzer hand became a key element of Scholar Bowl this year.

WYSE
Front Row: Chris Buchheit, Shelley Shindler, Cory Bradshaw, Alex Graubner-Mueller, Brian Roewe, Margaret McGlynn, Katie Jenks, Angela Comana, Lauren Hettenhausen.
Back Row: Zach Umperovitch, Brian Lee, Tessa Louis, Justin Schmidt, Bob Gulledge, Sarah Barnhart, Laura Comana.

The answ1er is... Freshman Alex Nester ponders the question intently. Including Alex, Scholar Bowl had eight freshmen participating this year.



A clean sweep. Senior Angela Comana, sophomore Laura Comana, and senior Katie Jenks receive their first place medals in English at the WYSE competition. Angela and Katie also received medals in Math and Biology, respectively.

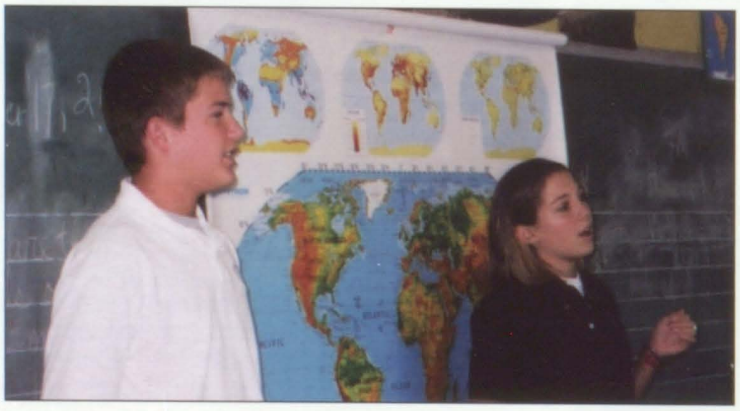
Smiles all around. Scholar Bowl members sit and laugh before a practice. Sophomore Angela Bozsa said the team had a lot of fun, and "the bus rides were awesome."

Reaching Out With Helping Hands

Student Ambassadors present service with a smile

Recruitment of students, campus clean-up, and grade school visits list just a few of the jobs done by the Student Ambassadors. Serving Althoff and the community, this club, comprised of 350 students, boasts the most members in any of the service clubs at Althoff. With devotion, Student Ambassadors act as a link between the school and the community. Club moderator Kathy Schaefer stated, "Student Ambassadors is an organization that gives students a wonderful opportunity to give back to their school and community by donating their time and talents. The students do not receive a letter for service, but this organization teaches leadership and service."

As ambassadors, students are required to serve a minimum of 4 service hours. Services performed by this club include leading tours at open house, working at the auction, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, volunteering at the Benefit Dinner, assisting students during the placement test, and welcoming new students at registration and orientation. Student Ambassadors have the opportunity to meet new people while helping out at school and serving in the community. Freshman Mike Hallbauer commented, "Student Ambassadors is a great experience and will be for many years to come."



Speaking to schools. Juniors Tom Kelley and Mo Kuebel speak to grade school students about what life at Althoff is like. Throughout the fall, Student Ambassadors traveled to local grade schools to recruit students to Althoff for upcoming years.

Working Together to Rule the School

Student Council members take charge in student life

Snack attack. Sophomores Sarah Barnhart and Katie Siebenberger arrange snacks for the February blood drive. During the blood drive, Student Council members were in charge of supplying donors with snacks, service, and smiles.

In mid-May of 2004 students were elected as representatives to the Student Council membership board. Elected by the students to serve the students, Student Council members act as the voice for the student body. "Student Council is a way to become a leader, and it teaches great lessons," stated Freshman Blair Keltner. As leaders of the school, these service club members met once a month to organize upcoming functions.

In the beginning of the school year, council members hosted the third annual Kick-Off Barbecue. During the week of homecoming, representatives chose the themes for Spirit Week and set up for the homecoming dance. As the year continued, Student Council organized two blood drives with the American Red Cross and chose the decorations and theme for Christmas Ball. Senior Student Council member Nick Schaefer said, ""Student Council is a great way to help people out, especially at events like the blood drive. Also, members get to setup for activities while everyone else is in class!"

As a group, the Student Council worked well together to please the school. Student Council moderator, Ms. Orella Gansmann stated, "The Student Council has been a very enthusiastic group this year. Their efforts at the two blood drives were outstanding."

O Christmas Tree. Student Council members Erin Plottner and Lauren Hettenhausen trim the tree for Christmas Ball. Chelsea Moosa, who helped decorate the tree said, "Decorating the Christmas tree was a blast. We went all over trying to find nice ornaments."

Forty Years and Counting

The Crusader builds on four decades of tradition at Althoff

Busy, busy, busy. Sarah Barnhart of the business staff talks with a potential sponsor on the phone, and two staff members from 1967 work together to meet deadlines. All members of *The Crusader* have worked hard to accomplish goals set.

Those wonderful typing machines. Sophomore Chris Buchheit of the Technology staff works on one of many pages on one of the six computers in the Yearbook room. Computers are a lot better than in 1972 when Lynn Burch had to write her stories on a typewriter and then glue them to the layout page.

Class clowns. Yearbook clowns Will Nester (2005) and Doug Menendez (1976) goof off for the camera. Yearbook is a lot of hardwork but staff members still had free time to have fun.

Still hands-on. Emily Rauh designs a customized layout, which will then be put into a computer. This process is a lot like what this yearbooker in 1984 had to do, minus the glue and scissors.

Althoff Catholic High School started classes in 1964 and integrated the local all-boys high school, Cathedral, with the all-girls high school, Academy of Notre Dame. Together they formed our beloved school. With this integration *The Crusader*, Cathedral's yearbook, became Althoff's official yearbook. Since its first edition in 1965, the methods of publications have changed, but the concept remains the same.

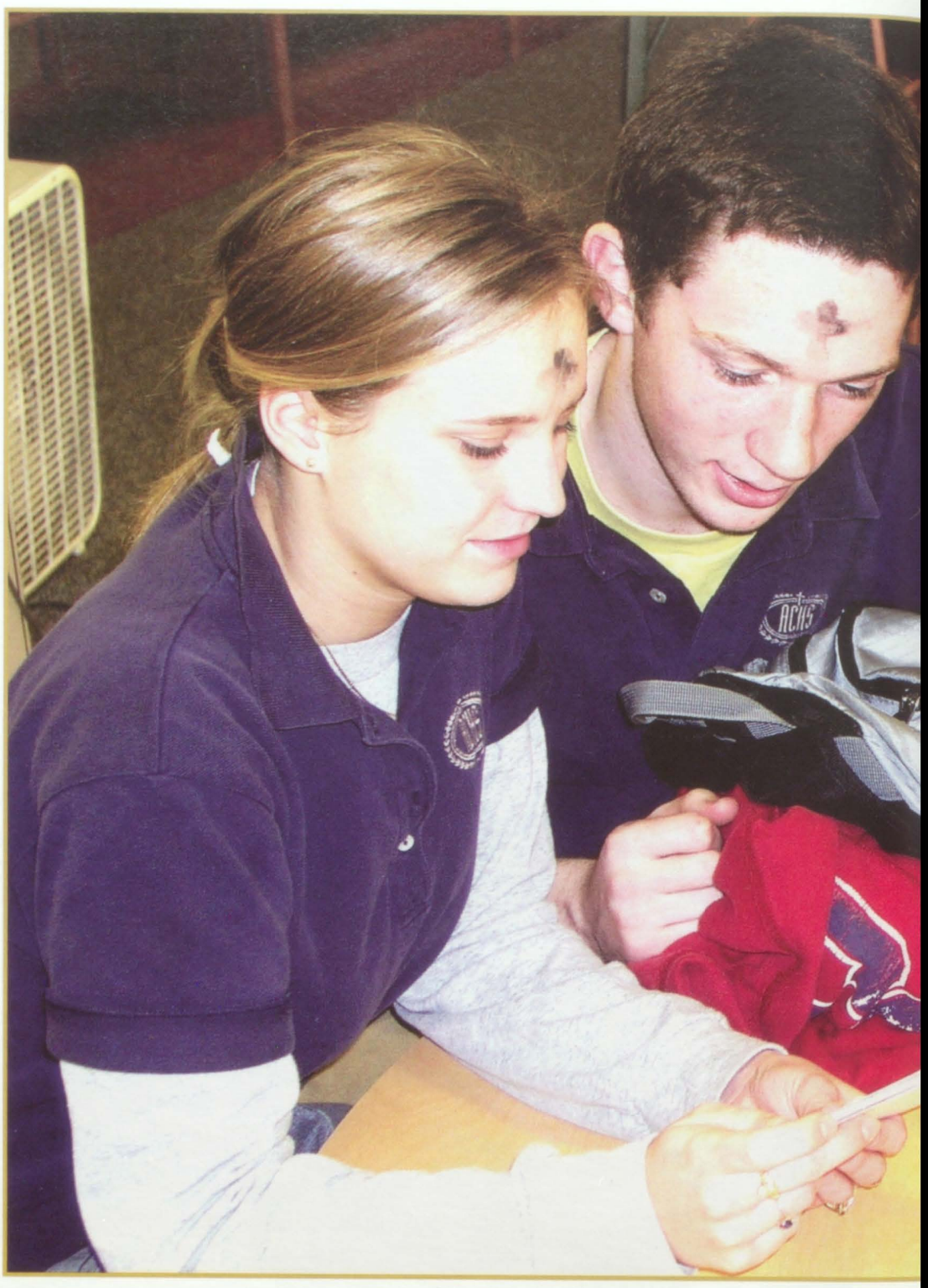
Before computers and digital cameras, the yearbook staff had to do the work by hand. Stories came to life via typewriters and pictures were sized with scissors. Staffers would then glue the story and pictures onto the page layout to send in to the publisher to print that year's edition of *The Crusader*. The methods gradually advanced as technology improved; then the "modern" yearbook evolved. In recent years, the staff began using desktop publishing and photo editing software on computers and the Internet. These advances allow files to be transmitted to the publishing company via the Internet. Yearbook has purchased new digital cameras in the last couple of years, and the photography staff advanced in the art of digital photography. The technology staff can import images and text in a matter of seconds versus having to type out each story and glue pictures. In this year's yearbook, almost all the pictures are digital, with only a few being scanned as in past years. We have come a far way from scissors and glue.

In charge. Editor-in-Chief Lauren Hettenhausen (right) has a lot in common with past editors, including Laney Fritz (1999); she must edit pages and make sure staff members keep up with deadlines. Being an editor has always required a lot of dedication and hard work in order to ensure a high-quality book.

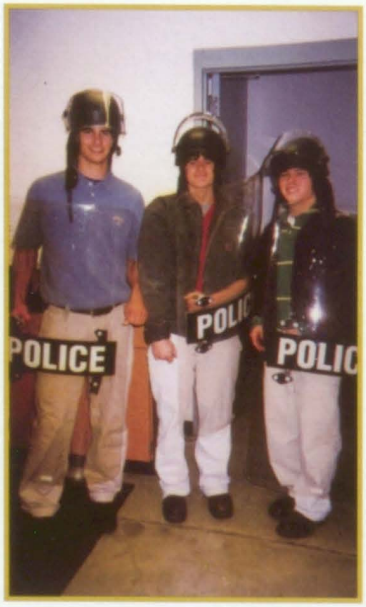
Killer then, Killer now. Faculty advisor, Mrs. Pam Miller, has lovingly earned the nickname, "Killer Miller" from yearbook staff members throughout the years. She participated on *The Crusader* staff when she attended Althoff and now shares her knowledge with current staff members.

Even though the methods of publishing a yearbook have changed, the hard work and dedication of the staff has remained the same. The staff meets multiple times throughout the week, and each person has to fulfill their responsibilities, so specific pages are completed by the deadlines. Editors and advisers search the Yearbook room and school looking for "missing" pages and getting after any "yearbooker" who has not turned in his or her pages on time. Late nights, early mornings, and everyday at Channel 1 are sacrificed, so by some miracle, *The Crusader* is completed by the final deadline.

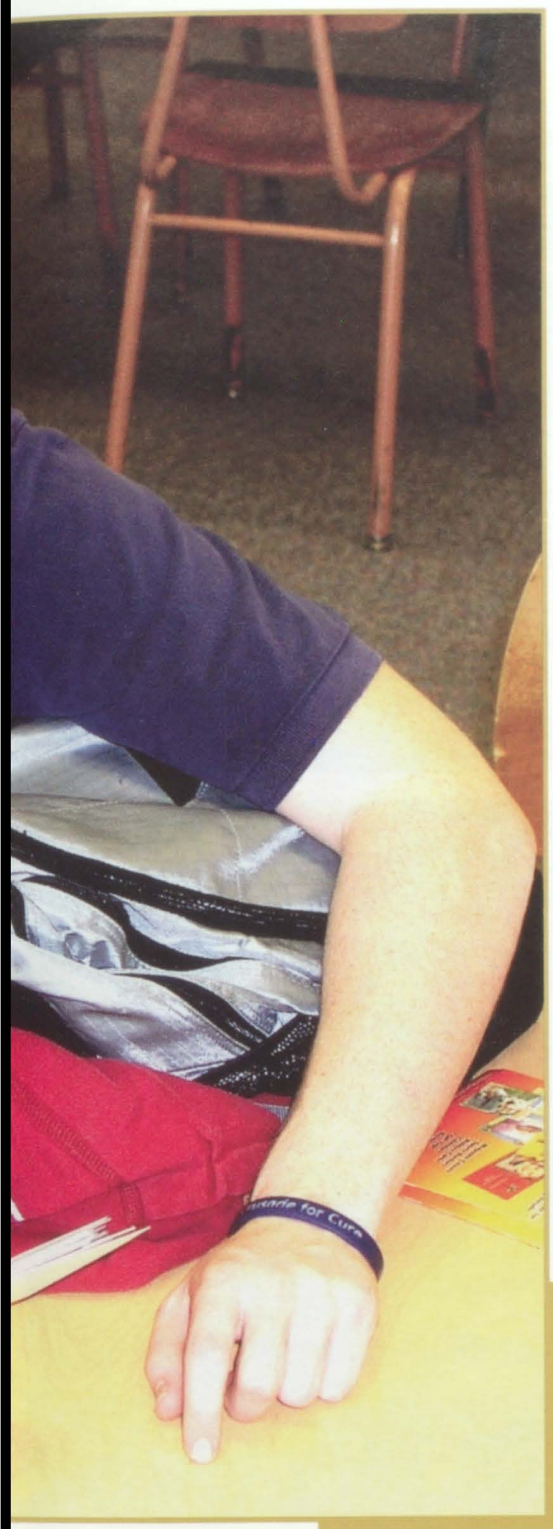
Video Killed the Radio Star... Jackie Juscius and Brent Colbert work after the Ash Wednesday service to choose photos to use in the annual Senior Video. The entire school viewed the finished product at the last Mass, highlighting the last four years - the journey of the Senior Class of 2005.



Stop - Police! Seniors Kevin Lisch, Austin Wolf, and Ryan Horace simulate the use of "riot gear." They spent the senior service project at the O'Fallon Police Department, where they shadowed policemen, paramedics, and investigators.



Pomp and Circumference. Senior Brad Wuller gets measured for his cap and gown. Balfour came to fit for class rings, then for graduation anouncements and senior apparel, and finally for cap and gown fittings in February.



WERE YOU...

phenomenal?

And so it happened
- Exodus 40:38

And so it happened....right before their very eyes. This year brought not only academic endeavors and sporting events but also seemingly extraordinary occurrences. After preschool, grade school, and four years of high school, the class of 2005 went out with a bang. Did you spend three weeks in January not at school, but at the site of your senior service project? Or were you an underclassman who parked in the main lot for those three weeks? Were you asked to prom? At the graduation ceremony, were you a graduate or a guest? Were you happy or sad? Or were you simply angry that you still had two weeks of school left? Did you make this year special?

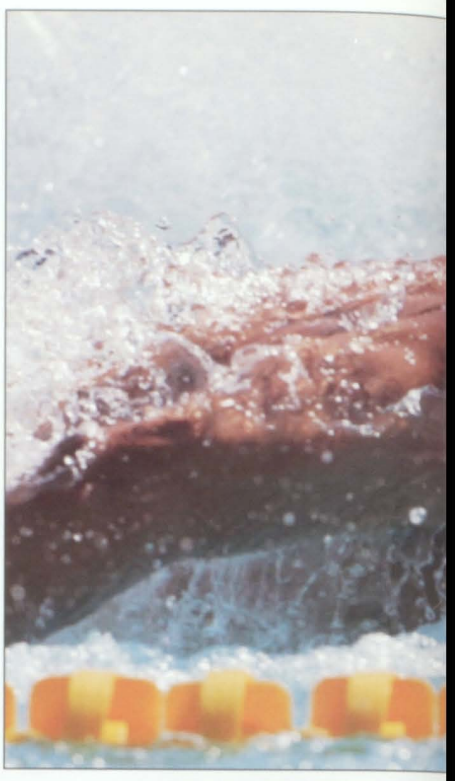
Presidential elections took place in 2004. Did you vote, serve as an election judge, or watch the results come in on television? The United States made an honorable showing at the 2004 Olympics. Did you see? New trends surfaced while the old ones were shoved under beds. Were you a trendsetter? Were you a follower? Did you do your own thing? The highlights and Kodak moments of the year provide special memories to look back upon, whether or not they were captured on film. What were your thoughts and feelings? Were you excited? Moved? Zestful? Exuberant? WERE YOU THERE?

HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Smoking the competition.** Lauryn Williams wins a silver medal for her performance in the 100-meter dash in track and field. Lauryn also ran in the 4x100-meter race, but her team was disqualified due to a bad handoff.

2. **Sweeping up.** Shawn Crawford wins gold in the men's 200-meter race on August 26. The USA swept this event, with Bernard Williams and Justin Gatlin earning silver and bronze, respectively.

3. **Cheering crowd.** Fans from 202 countries cheer in the stands at the closing ceremonies in the Olympic Stadium on August 29. The Olympics began August 13, and they lasted only 17 days.



Tearin' it up. The members of the USA women's soccer team receive their gold medals at the medal ceremony. The USA women's basketball and softball teams also won gold medals.

Double trouble. Paul Hamm practices vaulting before competing. Hamm later won a gold medal in the all-around gymnastics competition and two silver medals for the horizontal bars and team competition, with his brother Morgan also helping the USA team to victory.

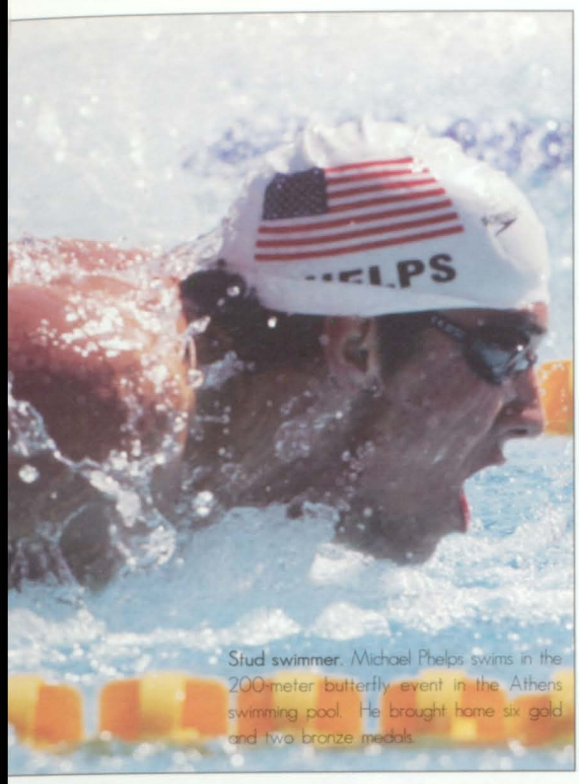
Photos courtesy of United Press International Newspictures

Back to Their Roots

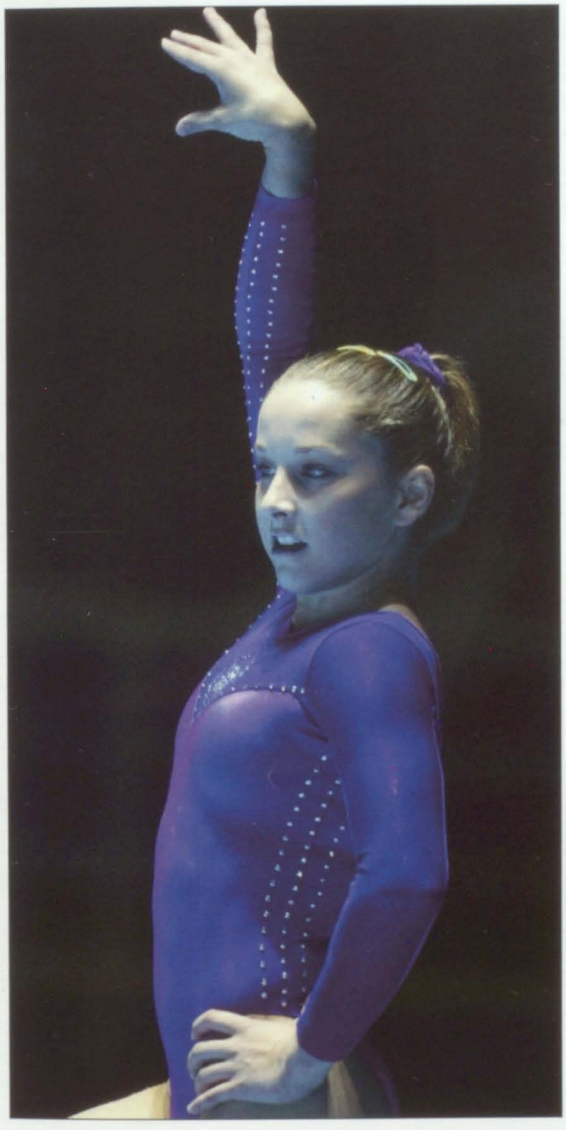
The Olympics Return to Athens

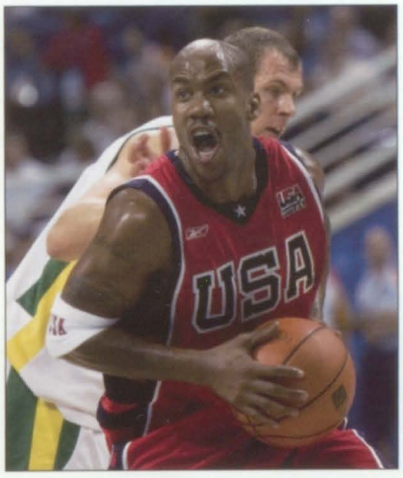
After beginning in Greece in 776 B.C., the Olympics were again held in Athens in 2004, over 2,780 years later. While the Game have evolved quite a bit since then (i.e. athletes now wear clothes and women are allowed to compete), they continue to instill patriotism in participants and viewers.

Many records were broken during this year's Games. As many as 11,099 athletes from 202 countries competed, which was the highest number of participants ever. More women took part in the Games than they ever have, and they vied for medals in shot put for the first time. Also, the Olympic torch passed through all the continents, which has never occurred before. For these reasons and more, the Olympics have continued to change in modern times.



Stud swimmer. Michael Phelps swims in the 200-meter butterfly event in the Athens swimming pool. He brought home six gold and two bronze medals.





USA upset. Stephon Marbury of the USA dodges a Lithuanian player during the game in which the USA won the bronze medal with a score of 104-96. This USA upset shocked many countries, but none more than the USA.

Jump for the gold. Dwight Phillips wins a gold medal in the men's long jump on August 26. Teammate John Moffitt won the silver medal in this event.

Encore! All-around gymnastics champion Carly Patterson makes an encore floor exercise performance in the gymnastics gala. Patterson came away from the Olympics with one gold and two silver medals.

Four More Years, Mr. President

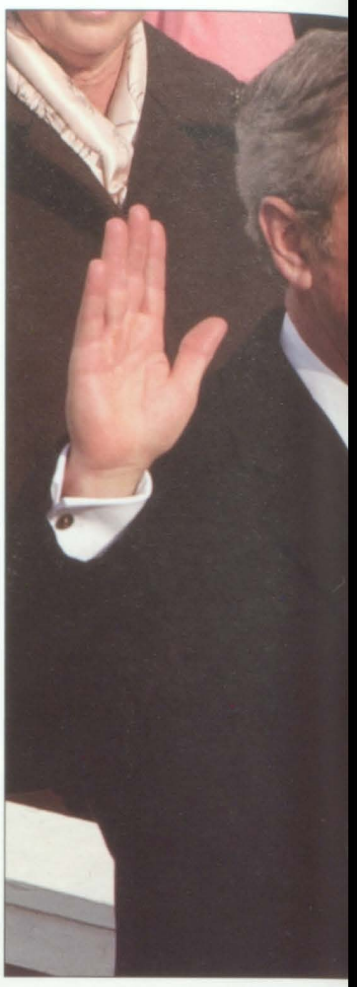
Jobs, Vietnam, Iraq, and Healthcare rock the 2004 Presidential Race

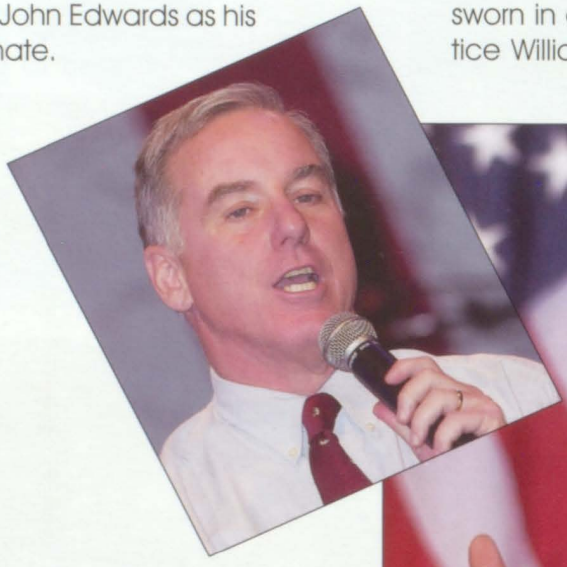
With the war raging in Iraq, Americans' televisions started running political commercials early in 2004. We witnessed the primaries and debates, with candidates like Howard Dean, John Kerry, and John Edwards for the Democratic Party and President George W. Bush for the Republican Party. Some of the main topics Americans showed interest included healthcare, prescription drug costs, jobs, and the war in Iraq.

The state economy was bad and many people were drawing unemployment payments. Reservists and retirees were being called back to duty to fight the war on terrorism, and senior citizens were going to Canada for more affordable prescription drugs. As candidates withdrew and parties held their primary elections, John Kerry claimed the presidential candidacy for the Democrats with John Edwards as his running mate.

The incumbents, President George W. Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney, would be running for re-election for the Republicans As the political commercials heated up, both candidates' military service records were put to the test. Bush and his administration were questioned about the war in Iraq and missing weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). Commercials and debates broadcasted the candidates' plans to handle unemployment, Social Security, gay marriages, and Iraq.

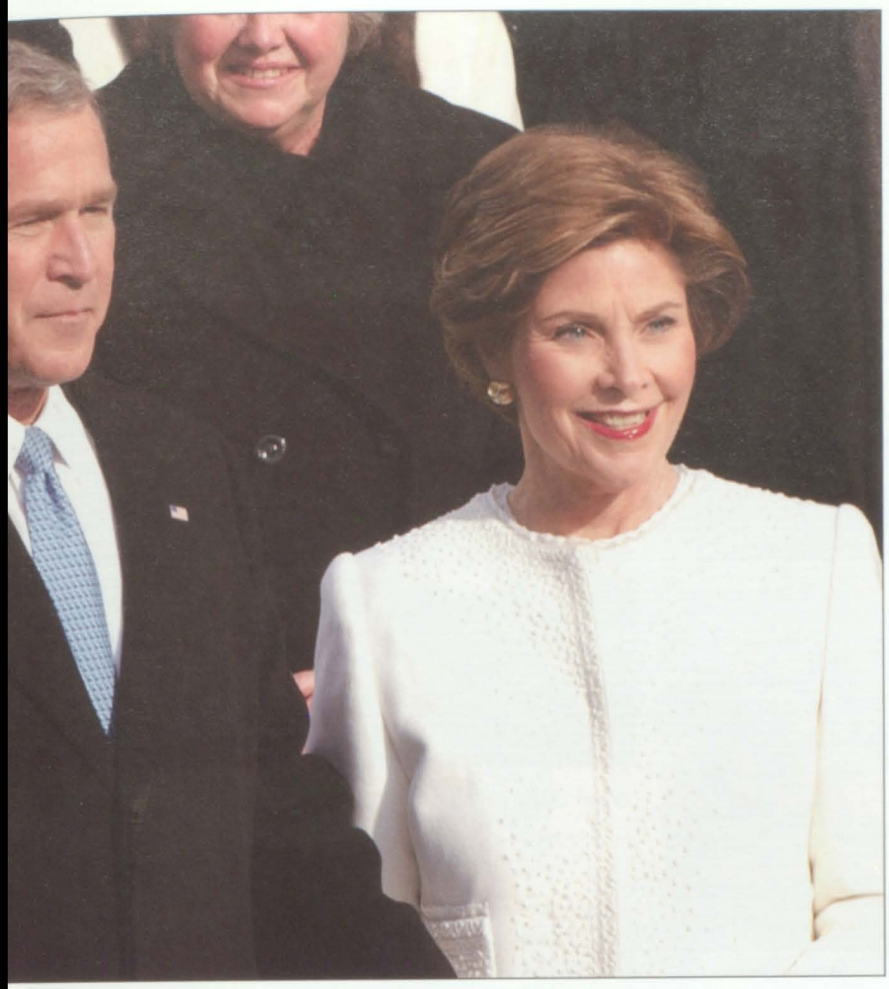
On election day, a record number of people rushed to the polls to cast their votes. In the end it came down to the state of Ohio, where people had to wait multiple hours in line to vote at some polling areas. Eventually John Kerry conceded and President Bush won a second term. While promising to defeat tyranny and expand freedom throughout the world, President George W. Bush was sworn in on January 20, 2005 by Chief Justice William Rehnquist.





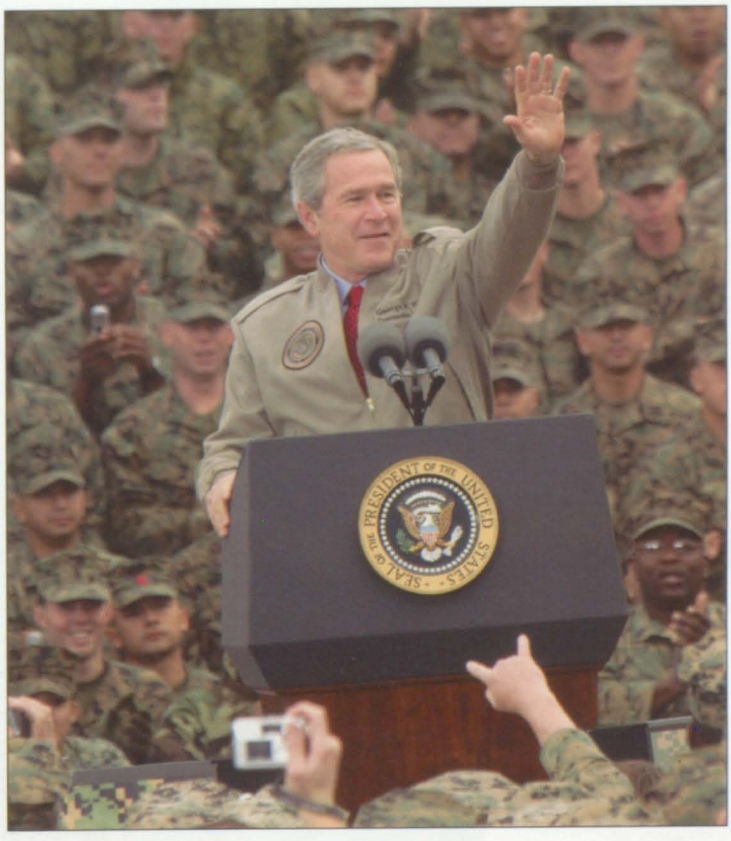
"...and then we'll take New Hampshire, YEEAAHH!!!" Presidential candidate, Howard Dean addresses supporters during the primaries. Many believed Howard Dean to be the top Democratic candidate for president until after he lost the important Iowa caucus and he gave his Iowa concession speech, which many believe caused him to lose the presidential nomination for the Democrats.

Concession. Democratic candidate, John Kerry, concedes the 2004 presidential election on November 3, 2004, one day after the election. Many speculated that the 2004 election would be even closer than the 2000 election between Bush and Al Gore.



"I, George W. Bush, do solemnly swear..." On January 20, 2005, the 43rd U.S. President, George W. Bush was sworn in for his second term of office. He and his father, George H. W. Bush (1989-1993) became only the second father-son presidents since John Adams (1797-1801) and his son, John Quincy Adams (1825-1829).

Support our troops. President Bush addresses Marines at Camp Pendleton in California. The personnel from Camp Pendleton experienced one of the largest causality rates of Operation Iraqi Freedom..



"Working as an election judge for the 2004 Presidential Election was interesting because I was able to see the process and how everything worked." –Senior Rachel Allen

"A lot of young people have jobs and pay taxes so they should be able to decide how their tax money is used. Also the people, who are elected today, make decisions that will have an impact on the young people of the future." –Mrs. Kempland.

Senior Favorites

Most Likely to Get Married:
Sara Martini and A.J. Gass

Most Likely to Open an Art Gallery:
Sarah Goetter and Austin Wolf

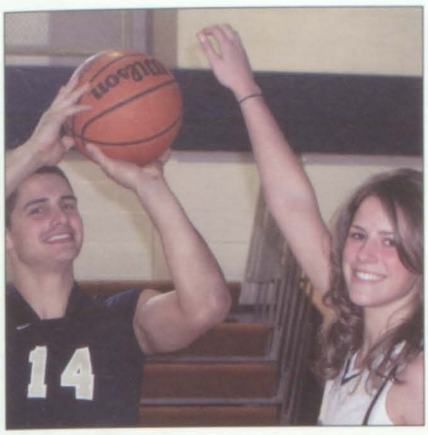
Most Likely to Win American Idol: Mike Wells and Sara King

Most Likely to Win Jeopardy:
Zac Escher and Angela Comana

Most Likely to become a Professional Clown:
Andrew Schoendiest and Jessica Duco

Most Likely to Qualify for the Daytona 500:
Catherine Brady and Marty Kosydor

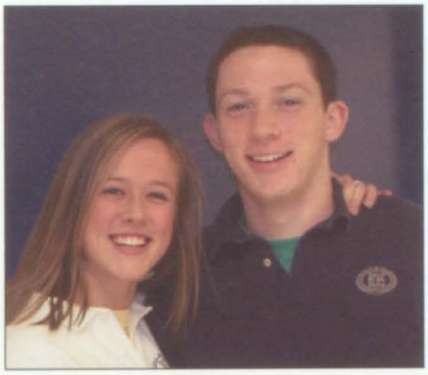
Most Likely to Win the Nobel Prize:
Cory Brennan and Maura McGlynn



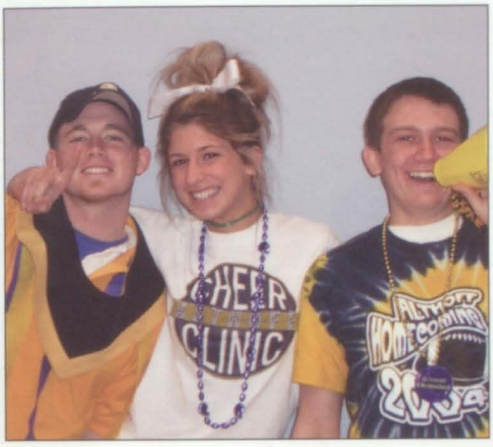
Most Likely to Appear in the Olympics:
Kevin Lisch and Mallory Sullivan

Most Likely to be Remembered:
Stevie Pettit and Lori LeChein

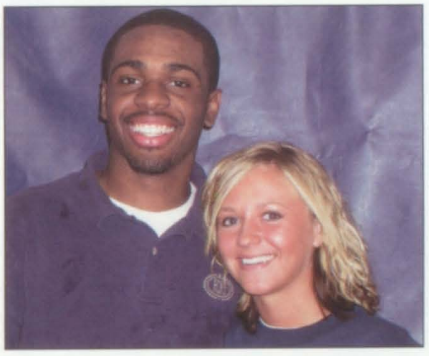
Most Likely to become President:
David Schoen and Katie Jenks



Most Friendly: Mary Orlet and Brent Colbert



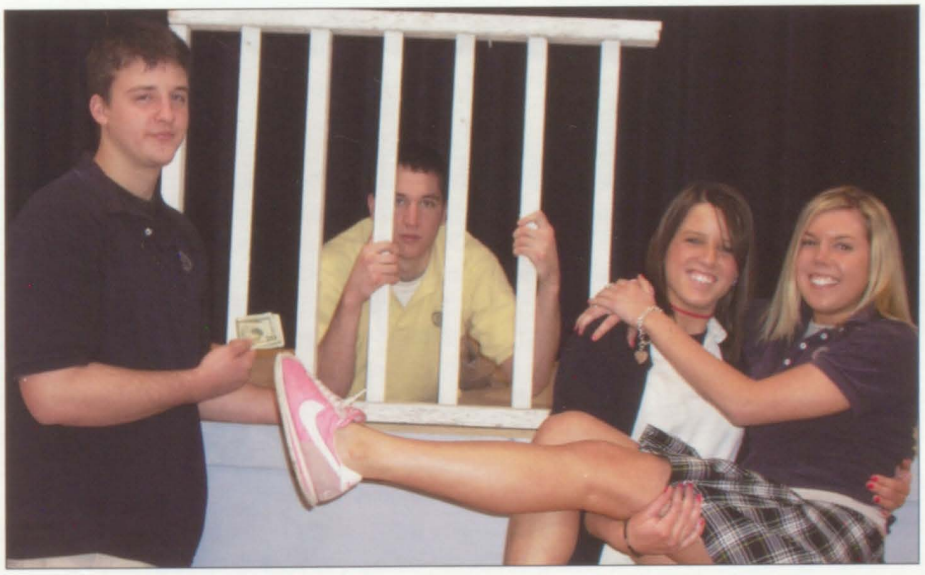
Most School Spirit:
Brandon Svec, Ashley Beckett, and Max Kenison



Best Smile:
Ron Madlock and Katie Burris

Mr. and Miss Althoff:
Ryan Horace and Lauren Hettenhausen

Best Hair
Ryan Crets and Molly Artime



Best Friends: Nate Holloway and Casey Kress, Andrea Gore and Laura Morton

Senior Service Project

An Eye-Opening Experience

This January the seniors participated in the traditional, mandatory-for-graduation senior service project. Seniors had 158 unique experiences working with some of the most needy people in the bi-state area. When the project was complete, they had performed over 13,272 hours of volunteerism. Althoff seniors could be found in schools, day cares, hospitals, police departments, and every place in between. This project served not only as a service project, but also as a learning project to help seniors experience the real world outside the sheltered walls of Althoff. Ask any senior, and he or she will tell you this experience has taught them to look beyond themselves and reach out to others.

"Through the Service Learning Project, seniors spend three weeks in full-time service. Students are placed in people-serving agencies throughout the community and are given an integrated service experience involving direct, person-to-person contact with those in need. This opportunity for service to others and for personal growth is so important to the mission of the Catholic High Schools and the Christian formation of our students, that the satisfactory completion of the project is a requirement for graduation." – Diocese of Belleville

1 "I worked with the second graders at St. James in Millstadt. After spending three weeks there, I now know teaching is much harder than I assumed. All teachers have their own style, and work with different kids in different ways. After spending my time there, I appreciate teachers in a totally different way than when I was in second grade." – Mary Alexander

2 "For my senior service project, I got to experience what goes on in the life of a policeman. I rode in the cop car, transported prisoners, and got to see what the police dogs do. There's a lot of things I didn't realize about this job. There's a lot more paperwork. They have to file a report for about everything. They also don't really eat that many donuts." – Clayton Reeb

3 "For my senior service project, I was given the chance to go to Australia. I worked in a small community-run hospital. I had the opportunity to work with the patients, the nurses, and the physical therapist. It was an amazing experience and I hope to go back someday!" – Catherine Brady

4 "The Senior Service Project was one of the best times I've ever had at Althoff. I learned a lot about myself, and I was truly blessed to have had this experience." – Jessica Werner

5 "I went to St. Matthew's Day Care and helped take care of the children. The teachers were extremely nice and helpful. I also got to help in the kitchen and cook the food. It was a lot of fun but harder than I thought. The food there was amazing, especially the food I made." – A.J. Gass

"Visiting the Senior Service Sites is one of my favorite things about being a campus minister. I get a chance to witness young people without peer pressure and teachers looking after them. It is just the person and someone who could use their help. I've seen big tough football players' lives changed by someone who could barely speak a full sentence." – Mr. Bouc, Senior Service Coordinator

Life-Changing Lessons

Rachel Allen at Mamie O'Stookey

I came into my senior service project thinking it would be an easy three weeks off of school, no homework, no tests, just one month at Mamie O. Stookey playing with kids. It turned out to be so much more than a break from school. It opened my eyes to a whole new view on handicapped people. I expected to see kids running around, playing, going to recess, learning their alphabet, and just being kids. What I actually saw was kids who couldn't run around, much less walk. Many of the kids were in wheelchairs and couldn't even feed themselves or talk.

I was shocked when I walked into the classroom the first day and saw a few little kids in wheelchairs; I realized that these little three and four year olds have gone through so much more than I have in my eighteen years. Even though these kids couldn't run and play like average children, they were some of the happiest kids I had ever seen. The kids in wheelchairs got to play during their sessions of P.E., which I would never have thought would be possible at a school like Mamie.

The entire month of January was a great experience for me. I got to experience a different side of the real world, which I wouldn't have had the opportunity to see if it had not been for the senior service project. My reaction on day one was that there would be nothing for me to do the entire month. By the end, I was so glad that I stuck with it. The whole month, with all of its ups and downs, was very life changing. I saw kids who would probably never go to work or lead a "normal" life, give their all in everything they did. Seeing these kids at work made me want to work harder in everything I do, and they even made me want to work with handicapped children after college. Spending a month with handicapped children changed my view on life, and I am thankful that I got the chance to have this experience.

from Pupil to Professor

Brian Harris: back at his alma mater

I spent three weeks at my grade school, Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School. It was a pleasant experience and I actually learned a few things. Most of my day consisted of staying in a classroom with fourth and fifth graders at the same time! Working with children so young brought back memories of when I was in elementary school. I saw myself in several of the students, wearing hunter green uniform shirts and khaki pants, trying to "fit-in" and focus in the classroom.

Most of the time, I worked closely with one student who had trouble with math and spelling. I tried my best to show him ways to make things easier. I'm not sure how much I helped, but I noticed a small character improvement in him to put forth more effort in his work.

There were a few small things that made my project quite interesting. I had the chance to experience my first faculty meeting! I didn't know where to sit or if I should remain quiet, but in the end they all made me feel comfortable, like I was a real faculty member. I also had the wonderful opportunity of spending time with two of my sisters whom I don't live with. I don't think we've ever spent so much time together; it was really interesting to see how much we were alike.

In the end, I'd have to say that I learned one lesson, and that is to be on time. After my experience, I started to get a little better at being places on time. Three weeks without homework was great, but for some reason I started to miss it!

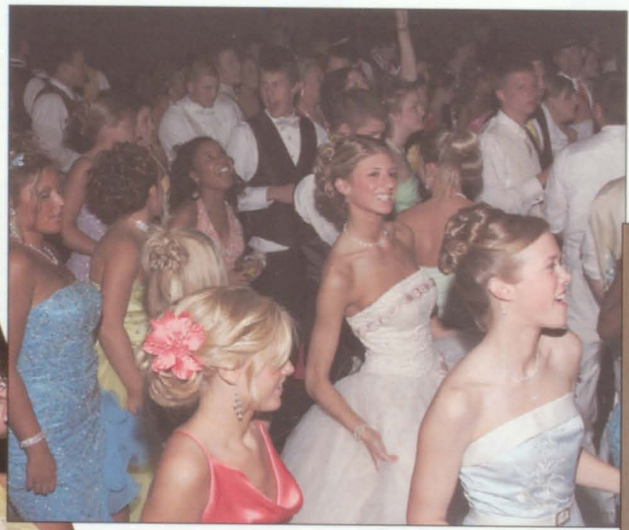
Time of Our Lives

Prom lasts all night as seniors celebrate together

For many seniors, prom means more than one night. Girls go shopping months in advance for the perfect dress and many schedule manicures and hair appointments. Limos get reserved so seniors and their groups can arrive in style at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis. When the big night arrived, parents took enough pictures to fill two photo albums, and more professional photos were taken by Crafty Eye at the hotel. Seniors and their dates entered the Millennium's ballroom for an evening of fine dining and dancing. After the three-course meal, the music started and people had the chance to get out on the dance floor to show off their dance skills. Later in the night, the candidates for prom queen and king were introduced and the winners announced. Molly Artime and Daryl Fullmer were crowned prom queen and king of 2005. Afterwards, the dancing resumed and the dance floor remained packed for every song. Prom night was one of the last times for the Class of 2005 to be together and each person made it a night to remember.

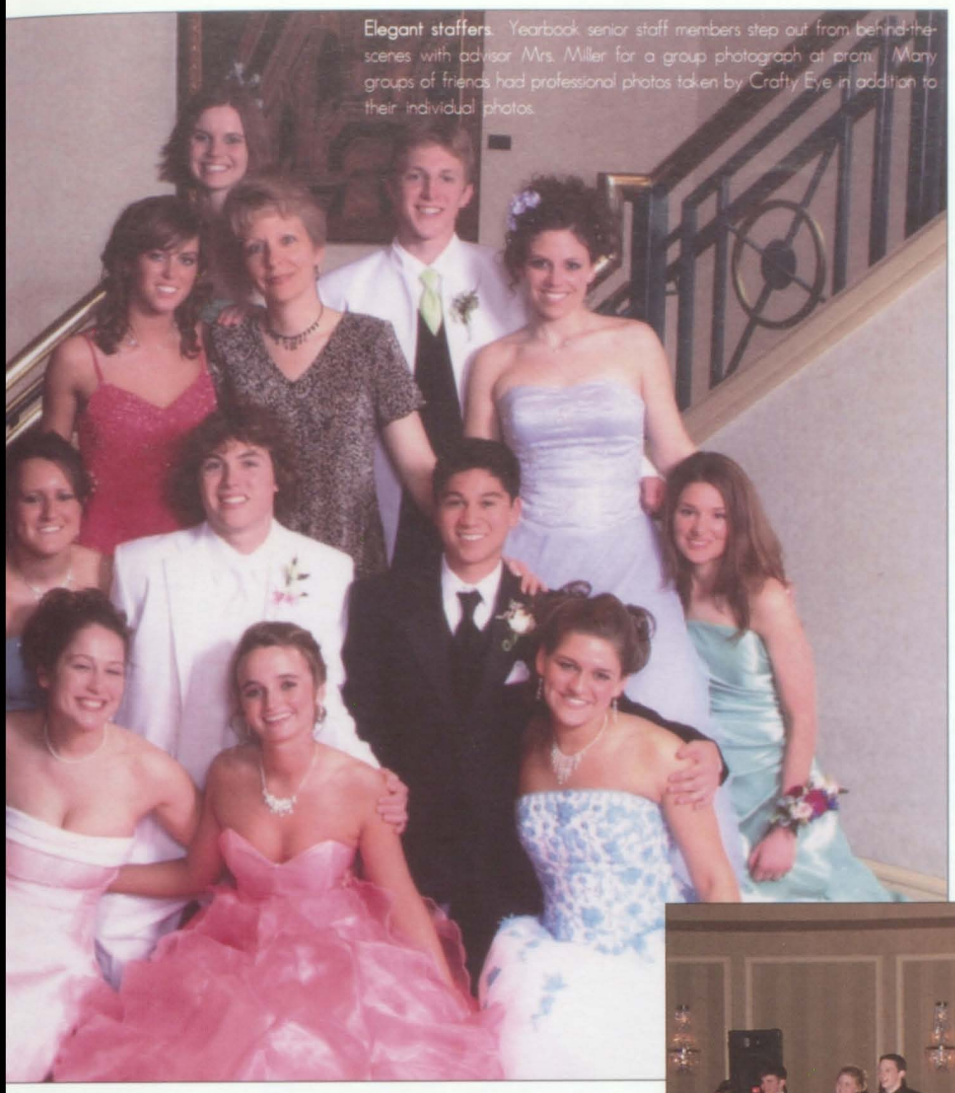
Our royal highnesses. Molly Artime and Daryl Fullmer smile for one of many pictures as they dance together. "I felt honored that people thought that much of me to elect me prom queen," said Molly when asked how she felt when she found out she had been elected as prom queen.

Smile Pretty! Seniors David LeBeau, Mary Orlet, and Jackie Juscius pose for a close-up photo. Many seniors brought cameras to prom to record every moment with their friends.



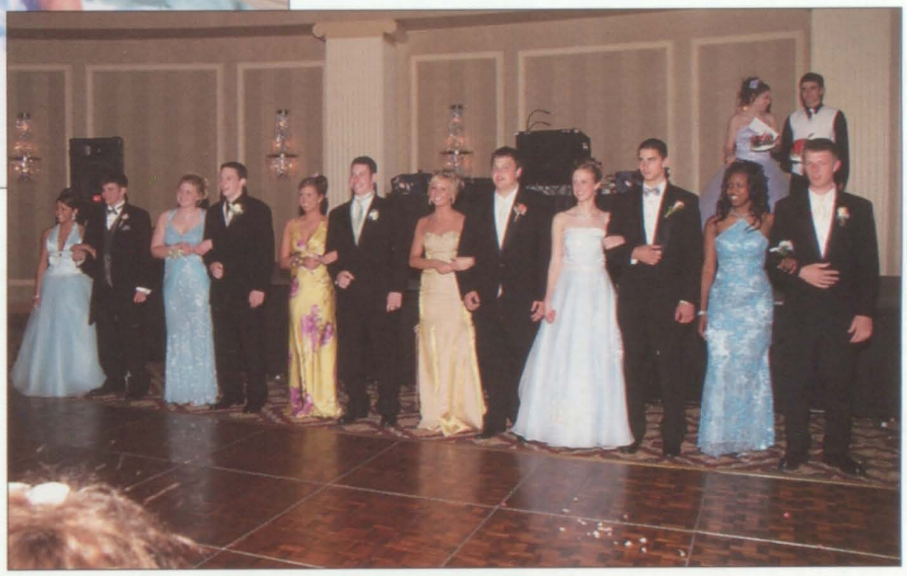
Put your hands in the air. The seniors get into the music out on the dance floor. The DJ played a variety of music throughout the night; the majority were group dance songs, such as the classic "Electric Slide".

Drum-roll please. Student Council Executive Board members, Lauren Hettenhausen and Austin Wolf, announce the prom king and queen. The Executive Board members had the opportunity to choose prom invitations and go to the Millennium Hotel early for food tasting.



Elegant staffers. Yearbook senior staff members step out from behind-the-scenes with advisor Mrs. Miller for a group photograph at prom. Many groups of friends had professional photos taken by Crafty Eye in addition to their individual photos.

Touch-up time. Cara Anthony checks her hair and makeup in the bathroom mirror. With pictures constantly being taken, many made sure that they looked perfect for the camera.



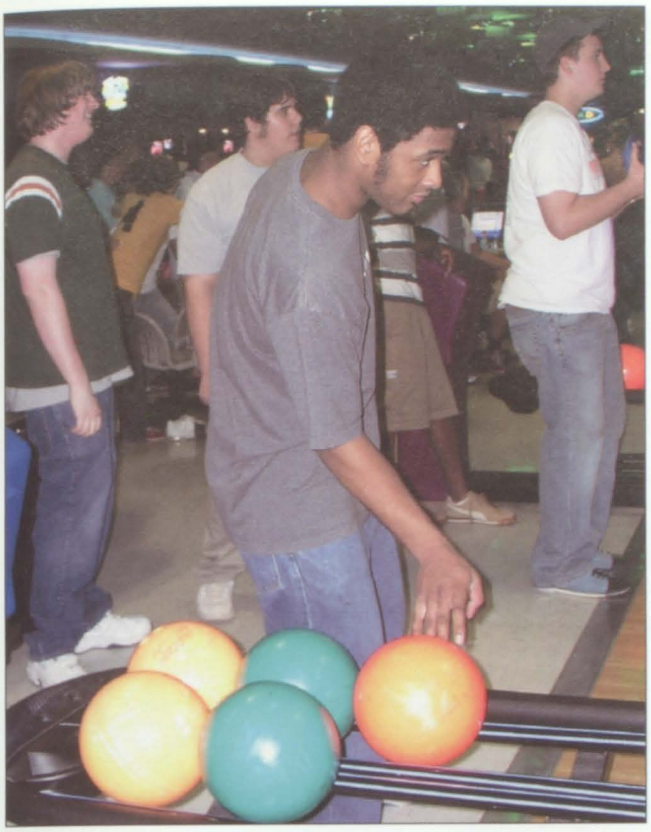
Who's the winner? The prom court candidates line up waiting for the winners to be announced. The senior class voted during lunch periods to nominate classmates for prom king and queen.

Retro and classic. Dan Deitz, Paul Renner, Marty Kosydor, Peter Kassly, and David Pardo pose for a picture at prom. Though their tuxes were more traditional, the guys at prom sported many different styles, from zuit suits to classic tuxedos, to fit their respective personalities.

It's all in the hips. Senior Leslie Hamilton cheers on her friend, senior Laura Betten, as she shows Leslie the proper ski ball form. Aside from ski ball, those in attendance had the opportunity to indulge in other arcade games and table games such as Texas Hold 'Em.

Oh! I like that one! Choosing wisely, seniors Ashley Cole and Samantha Wilkins decide which raffle items deserve their hard-earned raffle tickets. At the end of the after-prom party, the prom king and queen, Daryl Fullmer and Molly Artime, drew the tickets from their respective containers, and the senior moms announced the lucky winners.

Good shot! Rushing to receive the highest score possible, seniors Ryan Young, Sara Martini, and A.J. Gass use finesse to get the ski balls into the most rewarding holes. Every senior received five tokens to play the arcade games; they exchanged any tickets they won for "Renz money."



Gotta focus. Senior Stephen Finch carefully chooses the perfect ball he will use to bowl his next frame. Students not only received "Renz money" if they won the bowling game; they also won it if they bowled a spare or a strike.

It's A Jungle Out There!

Bowling, Arcade Games, Pizza, and Karaoke Rock Prom-Goers into the AM

When excited seniors sadly departed from the lovely prom at the Millennium Hotel in Saint Louis, most of them changed quickly and congregated at Cat City Bowling Alley in O'Fallon. During the celebration, seniors and their dates participated in many events including bowling, arcade games, and even a karaoke contest. Members of the Mothers' Club also manned games that included trying to get a softball-sized ball into a wooden crate, playing a guessing game by betting on the names of teams that also appeared on a spinning wheel, and putting on a mini golf green.

Everyone could bowl as many frames as they wanted for free, and the winners of each game of bowling, along with other games, received "Renz money." Seniors could use their "Renz money" to buy raffle tickets. They put their names on the back of each ticket and could then put the tickets into a container next to one of the many fabulous prizes people donated to the after-prom party. This method differed from last year when the students tried to out-bid each other in an auction. The Mothers' Club decided to use this new method to save time, although the prize portion of the after-party lasted just as long as in previous years. The prizes included items seniors could use next year at college. Some of them included iPods, printers, school supplies, and a mini refrigerator. Although the process took longer than was expected, every senior walked away with something. Senior Cara Anthony said, "I have the slowest printer ever made, and I was *really* excited when I won the new one." Those who did not win the raffle received a gift card to Target, Best Buy, or Wal-Mart.

When the seniors left the party in the wee hours of the morning, some went home to catch up on some greatly-needed sleep, some went out to eat breakfast, some went to burn their last ounces of energy in more partying, and everyone walked away with fantastic memories of their senior prom and after-prom party. Senior Sara King commented, "The after-prom party was okay. I was just glad that I got to spend even more time with my best friends. Overall, the night was just spectacular."

Reflections

Can't get enough? Dwight Goliday receives his perfect attendance award from Sr. Jan. Dwight said, "I just never wanted to have to make up work at school, so I always came."

"Senior/Parent Mass really gave me time to appreciate and understand why my parents wanted me to go to Althoff."

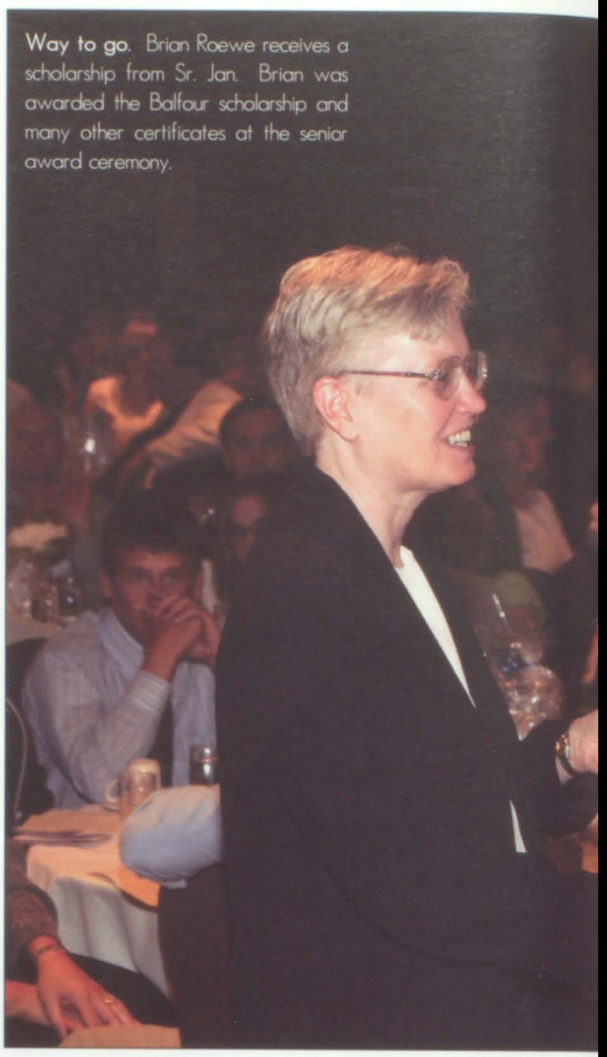
Brad McGuire

"I'm sad to go, but on the other hand, I'm ready for college!"

Dwight Goliday

"I'm really going to miss Althoff and all of the great friends I made, but it's time to move on and make more new friends."

Carrie Kamp



Way to go. Brian Roewe receives a scholarship from Sr. Jan. Brian was awarded the Balfour scholarship and many other certificates at the senior award ceremony.

Two of a kind. Lauren Hettenhausen and Cory Brennan receive the Honorable Mention for the American Legion Award at the senior breakfast. Lauren and Cory, who attended grade school together at St. Augustine, each received recognitions both at the breakfast and awards assembly.

Taking care of business. Assistant Principal Greg Leib conducts the ceremony at the senior breakfast. Along with Coach Leib, Ms. Janet Smith and Mr. Dave Harris helped lead the ceremony and distribute awards.

Bow your head.- As the senior class drew together for their last all-school Mass, Stevie Petit read a Bible passage for everyone to reflect on. Seniors were invited to share in liturgical planning and decoration for the last all-school Mass.

Sing your heart out.- Lori LeChien gets the students moving at the last senior Mass. Lori, a member of the gospel choir, often sang solos at the school Masses.

A Final Farewell

Seniors Say Goodbye to Althoff as they feast with family and friends

As it seems for so many, freshman year seemed like only yesterday. Freshman orientation and the YMCA camp began what would be a long journey. Near the end of the journey, seniors said their last goodbyes to some of the most memorable and influential people they have met, especially teachers that have instructed them in lessons and life.

Brains and athleticism.. Kevin Lisch and Angela Comana receive the American Legion Award. Besides receiving this honor, Angela was also a National Merit Finalist.

Two weeks before graduation, seniors attended their senior Mass and breakfast with their parents to reflect on the past four years. There they shared their gratitude with their parents and were awarded much deserved honors, awards, and certificates. This served as one of the last times the senior class had the opportunity to gather together. Another awards assembly was held in Heritage Hall at which scholarships were awarded and academic achievements were recognized. Around this time, the Valedictorians Katie Jenks and Ryan Horace and Salutatorian Brian Roewe were announced to the class. Katie commented, "Becoming Valedictorian was a tough task, but it was definitely worth it at graduation."

This is the End, My Friend

And the Beginning of Something Exciting

On May 22, 2005, the class of 2005 gathered together one last time. The memories of the endless parties, the last-second victories stolen from the hands of defeat, and dancing the nights away all dwelled in the minds. The good times at Althoff were all but over. There was just one final gathering. This time, not to learn, not to study, not to cheer for the football team, but to celebrate the achievements each and every member merited during their four years at Althoff. After processing into the Cathedral, all listened as Katie Jenks, Ryan Horace, and Brian Roewe delivered speeches. Members of the class of 2005 processed once again, this time to the front of the church, to hear their once secret middle name revealed to all present to receive their diploma and congratulations from Msgr. Margason and Sr. Jan Renz. Cameras flashed continually until all again were seated.

Ms. Smith then announced the over 190 scholarships earned by 61 students. Special recognition was bestowed upon Maura McGlynn and Cory Brennan (pictured below), recipients of the Bishop Althoff and Richard L. Daly Awards, respectively. As the class departed from the Cathedral and launched their hats towards the sky, they gazed upon a new world open to them, never forgetting, as Coach Leib stated so eloquently at the Senior/Parent Breakfast, **"Once a Crusader, always a Crusader."**

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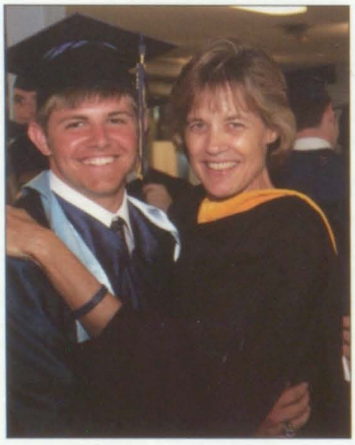
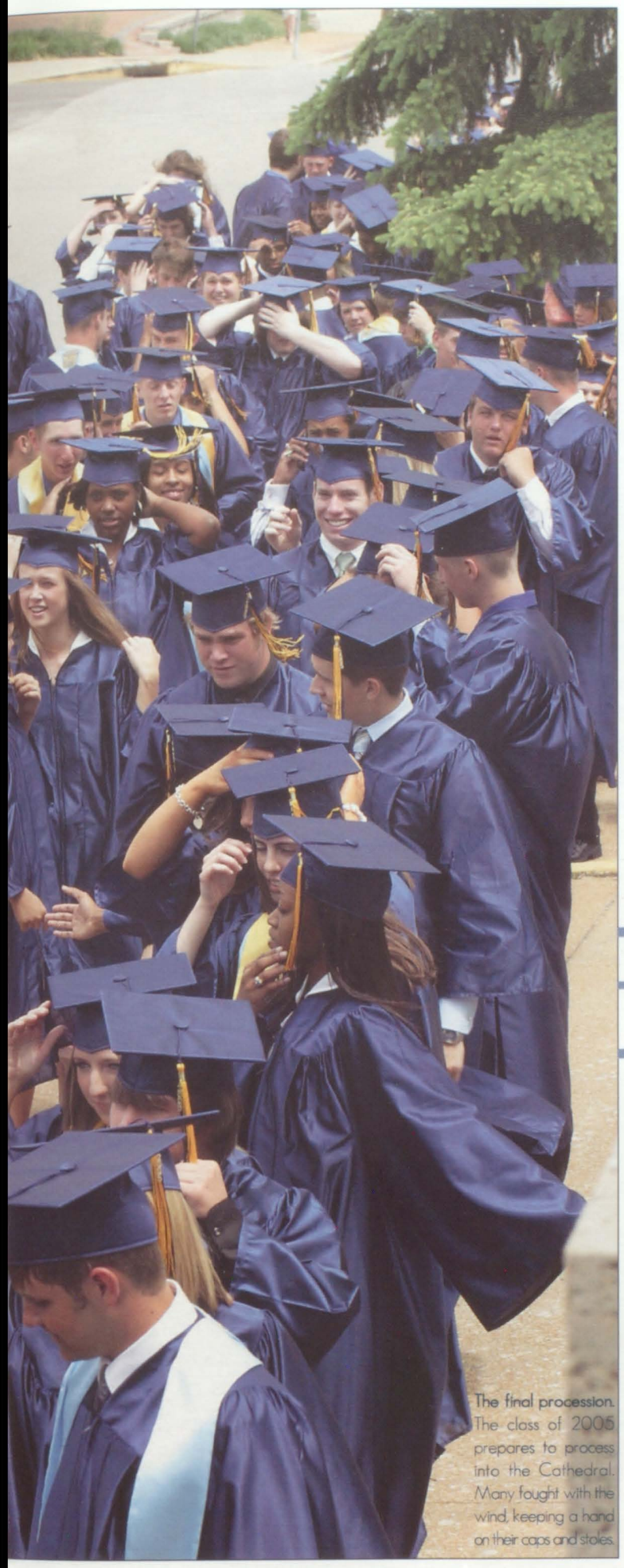


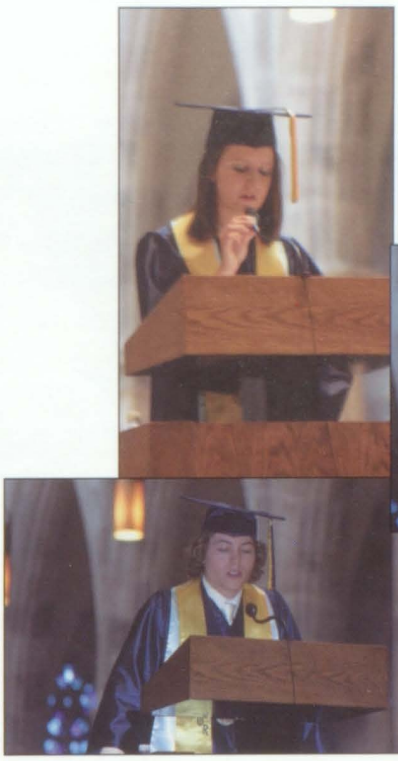
Cory Brennan with Mrs. Sara Newton

Casey Kress

Maura McGlynn



The final procession. The class of 2005 prepares to process into the Cathedral. Many fought with the wind, keeping a hand on their caps and stoles.



Words of wisdom... Ryan Horace, valedictorian, Katie Jenks, valedictorian, and Brian Roewe, salutatorian, speak to their classmates at the graduation ceremony. Each wrote an individual speech, reflecting on the past and offering advice for the future.

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Caps off... With one last celebratory cap throw, the Class of 2005 officially graduated. Many took the opportunity to take pictures with friends and classmates one last time as well as search the streets and sidewalks for their scattered caps.

Year in Review

Changes in the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church was not exempt from changes this year. On April 2, 2005, Pope John Paul II died at the age of 84. He led the Catholic Church for a remarkable 26 years. The conclave of Cardinals chose John Paul's close assistant, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, as the new Pope. He took the name Benedict XVI. Locally, the Belleville diocese also experienced a change in leadership. As Rome assigned Bishop Wilton Gregory as Archbishop of Atlanta, the search began for his replacement. Edward K. Braxton, formerly of Louisiana, became Belleville's new bishop on June 22, 2005.

Devastation in the South Pacific

As Christmas ended around the world, huge tsunamis devastated the coasts of Southeast Asia on December 26. With each day, the death toll rose; experts predicting it would surpass 250,000. For a moment, the world put aside its own plans and directed aid into the area as fast as the tsunamis had washed away the lives of thousands of unassuming inhabitants.

Olympic Achievements

The 2004 Olympics brought the world back to the event's birthplace, Athens, Greece. After 17 days of intense competition, the United States left victorious, claiming a phenomenal 103 medals, 35 of which were of the gold variety. American swimmer Michael Phelps won seven medals, five being Olympic gold.

Iraqi Elections

The new year brought a new outlook of a new government in an ancient land. Iraq held its elections on January 30 as a glimpse of democracy shone for all the Middle East to see. A large voter turnout named Ibrahim al-Jaafari prime minister. The elections spawned minimal terrorist action, thanks to joint efforts of US and Iraqi forces.

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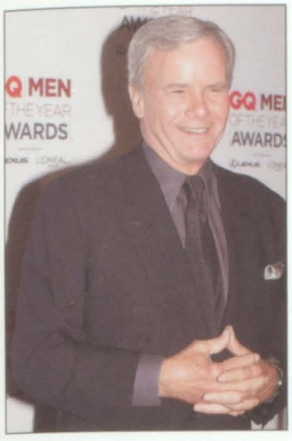


Four Anchors Signing Off

Many anchors left their news programs in the last few months. Barbara Walters, Tom Brokaw, Dan Rather, and Ted Koppel have all given up their positions on "20/20," NBC, CBS, and ABC, respectively. All had begun their careers in the 1960's, and while they had been drawing small audiences since the turn of the century, their presence will be greatly missed. None of them retired, but they will most likely be less prominent now.

Look Who's Back

On November 3, Americans re-elected Republican President George W. Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney. Bush ran against Senator John Kerry, the Democratic candidate chosen from the nine Democratic nominees. Unlike the 2000 election, Bush posted a clear victory, winning the popular vote with 51 percent to Kerry's 48 percent.

Supposedly to draw attention to the problems with the Electoral Congress, some Democrats from Ohio in Congress refused to count Ohio's 20 electoral votes. This delayed the official victory of President Bush. Ohio helped Bush, with his 286 electoral votes, to win over Kerry's 252. The Democratic "blue states" were mainly located in the Northeast, upper Midwest and West, and the Republican "red states" were everywhere else.

Death of President Reagan

Former President Ronald Reagan died on June 5, 2004, at his home in Los Angeles at the age of 93. His wife, Nancy Davis Reagan, and two of his children were with him at the end. Reagan's body laid at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, and at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. He was then taken back to the library for burial.

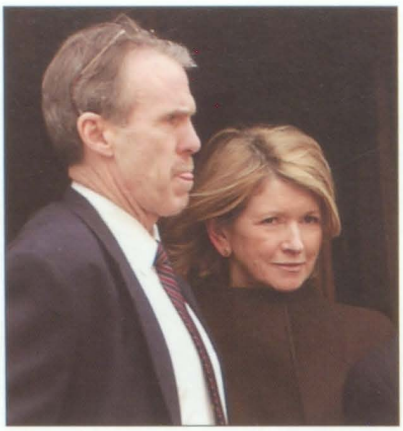
People remember Reagan for his conservatism that helped to improve America's economy and to end the Cold War more quickly. Before his death, he had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for at least ten years. As President Bush said at the time of Reagan's death, "he leaves behind a nation he restored and a world he helped save." He will surely be remembered.

Ray On My Mind

Singer Ray Charles passed away on June 10, 2004, in California. The 73-year-old died of complications related to his liver disease, but his legacy will surely live on in his music. While he grew up poor and became blind at age 7, Ray did not let anything stop him, believing he "was born with the music inside." He combined blues and gospel music to form soul music, which earned him the nickname "the Genius." During his lifetime, Ray won 12 Grammy awards, and his version of "Georgia On My Mind" became the Georgia state song. As singer Aretha Franklin said, "a great soul has gone on."

Martha Behind Bars

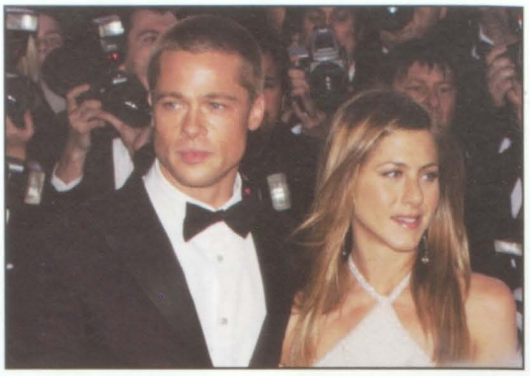
In one of the most publicized court cases of 2004, Martha Stewart, celebrity homemaker, was convicted of lying about her "well-timed" sale of ImClone Systems, Inc. stock in 2001. Sentenced to five months in prison and five months of house arrest, Martha gracefully accepted her sentence but only after a few appeals to the court from her lawyers.



She served her time at a minimum security camp (nicknamed Camp Cupcake) in West Virginia from October to March.

Martha then stayed at her home in Bedford, New York, during her house arrest. For those five months, she could only leave her home 48 hours a week and had to wear an electronic bracelet. How's that for star treatment?

So Much For Their Happy Ending



After being married for over four years, Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt decided to separate, although they "happily remain committed and caring friends with great love and admiration for one another." They filed for divorce on March 25, 2005, due to irreconcilable differences.

Brad and Jennifer started dating in 1998 and married in July 2000. Jennifer is best known for her time on the television comedy "Friends." Brad has been in over 30 movies, most notably "Fight Club" and "Ocean's Eleven.

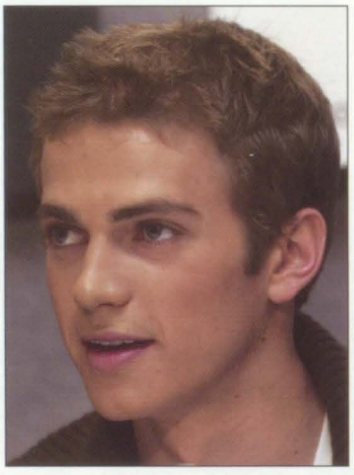
Guilty Until Proven Innocent?

Michael Jackson had his share of problems in 2004 and 2005. He was indicted on ten felony charges that supposedly happened in February and March 2003. His charges all centered around child molestation, and he plead "not guilty" to all of them.

Jackson's trial was very well publicized and the source of much controversy. No matter the verdict, many people firmly believed he was guilty, due to his "unique" character.

Movies of the Year

The final installment of the Star Wars prequel trilogy, "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith," was eagerly anticipated by many fans. This film opened May 19 in the United States and starred Hayden Christensen as Anakin Skywalker. In this final movie in the prequel trilogy, Anakin Skywalker became Darth Vader. This movie also starred Natalie Portman, Ewan McGregor, and Samuel Lee Jackson and was directed by creator George Lucas.



Many people also liked Napoleon Dynamite, another popular movie from this year. While it lacked a complicated plot, the humorous movie still got its underdog message across. Probably only the younger generation truly appreciated the genius of the movie

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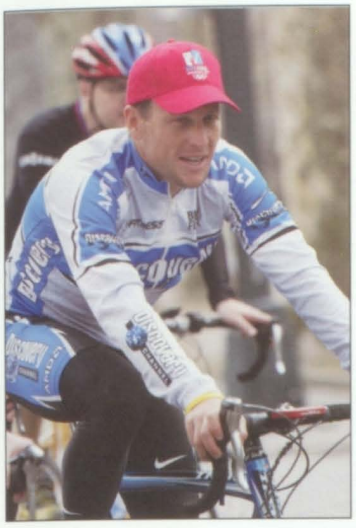
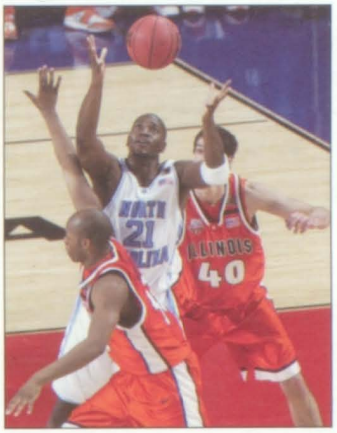
Tour de Lance



The Olympics did not give America its only sports brilliance. Once again, an American led all the others through the French countryside and past the finish line. Lance Armstrong claimed his unprecedented sixth straight victory in the arduous and prestigious Tour de France.

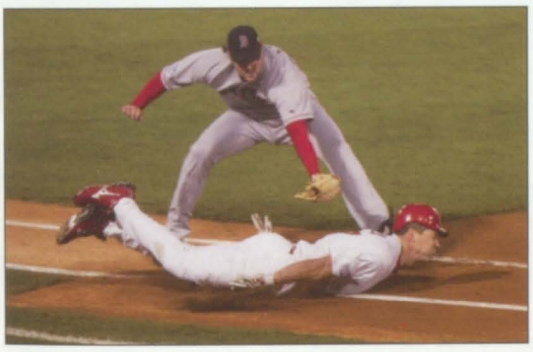
Almost Perfect



Another local team posted the top record in its sport as well. The University of Illinois Fighting Illini scorched their opponents on the way to posting a 29-1 record before tournament play, losing only their last regular season game to Ohio State. They won the Big 10 Tournament and entered the NCAA Tournament as a top-seed, along with North Carolina, Duke, and Washington. Illinois met North Carolina in the championship game, where the Tar Heels won a close 75-70 game and the national title. It was the first for N.C. head coach Roy Williams.

The Curse is Broken

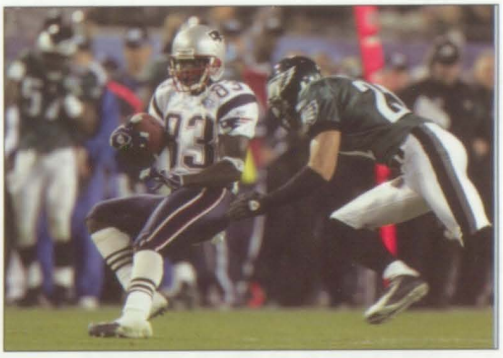
The fall brought baseball's postseason and quite possibly one of the most exciting times in baseball history. The Boston



Red Sox entered as the wild card team and quickly advanced to the American League Championship Series to meet their arch rivals, the New York Yankees. The Yankees went up 3 games to none and seemed destined to advance to the World Series; however, a stolen base and a single up the middle later, the Red Sox stormed back with unparalleled passion and determination, leading them to an unbelievable come-from-behind victory. They marched into the World Series set on continuing the hot streak for four more games, and that they did as they swept the St. Louis Cardinals, who had an impressive season coming into the World Series with the best record in baseball. The Red Sox ended an 86 year drought between World Series championships.

A New Dynasty

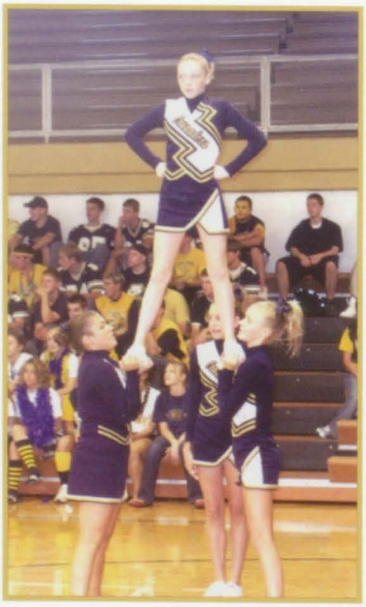
The city of Boston had little time to celebrate its World Series Championship before another area team placed itself atop the pedestal of its sport. The



New England Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years as they defeated the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21. Quarterback Tom Brady led his team, but his teammates shared in the glory. Wide receiver Deon Branch set a Super Bowl record with 11 catches, earning him the MVP Award, and kicker Adam Vinateri once again kicked the winning field goal.

One, two, three... Sophomore St. Vincent de Paul members Claire Seper and Jackie Haas count non-perishable food items donated during the all-school food drive, organized by Mr. Bouc and held in December. The food collected from this drive, which also served as a contest to see which first hour class could donate the most food, went to stock local food pantry shelves.

Hold it! Junior varsity cheerleaders Lauren Eichenseer, and Whitney Brockman, both freshmen, support their freshman teammate Ashley Schandl at the fall pep rally during spirit week. The girls practiced their stunts and performed at junior varsity football and basketball games.



Right click. Teachers line the chairs in the computer labs as they watch a presentation on "Mind University" (an online filing cabinet) given by Mrs. Toennies and Mrs. Foeller at the teacher in-service. This in-service took place over a two day period in August; all 64 faculty members attended to go over basic rules and guidelines.

WERE YOU...

supportive?

Yet all good things together came
- Wisdom 7:11

Yet all good things together came... when they worked together. Hundreds of people, from teachers and school board members to parents and students, make it possible for Althoff to function as Althoff. Students receive support from parents, teachers, and friends. We as students owe a great big "thank you" to all of the people who make our education at Althoff possible.

Teachers help us inside and outside of class, parents make sacrifices left and right for our education and well-being, coaches and counselors take time to plan out strategies for the big game or the big college decision, classmates act as confidantes and mentors. They were there for you.

Were you generous, willing, considerate? Did you do what you could to help others succeed? Did you compromise? Were you passionate? Did you fight for a cause? Were you supportive at the game, the play, the match, the contest, the fundraiser?

WERE YOU THERE?

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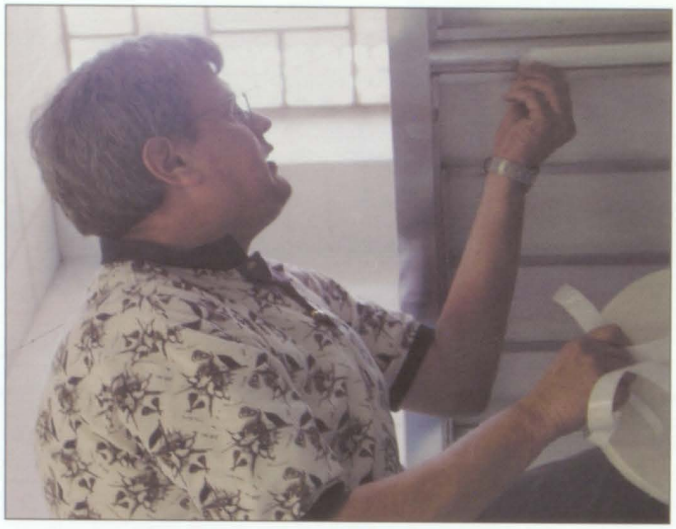
support: *v.* to keep from weakening or failing
to provide for or maintain
n. the act of supporting
one that supports
maintenance, as of a family, with the
necessities of life

An evening to remember. The dinner auction, which is the largest Althoff fundraiser, was a very profitable and memorable experience. Not only was it beautifully decorated, but the support of parents, teachers, and friends helped the school in an enormous way.



Mr. Decorator-Man. Mr. Bond spent time decorating the banisters and gym, and helping with other necessary tasks. Without the help of our volunteers, the auction would not have been nearly as beautiful.

Cheery chairwomen. Mrs. Nester and Mrs. Moosa, two of the four chairwomen for the dinner auction take a minute to observe the fruits of their labors. These women contributed a huge amount of time and effort to make the event a big success.

Flowers, flowers everywhere. Mrs. Badgley helps arrange a bucket of flowers at the auction set-up. Many volunteers started setting up in the gym on Thursday and had it looking spectacular by Saturday night.

Come on in. Parents, alumni, and supporters arrive at the dinner auction to be greeted by student volunteers. Before the auction began, many of the individuals spent time socializing and looking at items on which to bid.

What a nice evening... Bishop Gregory converses with a group of adults at the Benefit Dinner. The dinner served as a formal way to support Althoff and have a nice time with good food and fellow supporters.

A Little Help from Our Friends

Adult support helps Althoff continue to blossom

Parents, alumni, and friends support Althoff in more ways than students realize. This past year adults contributed much of their time and money to school events. Before the school year began, many mothers came out to show their support for their sons by attending a football camp especially geared for football moms. This gave them a first-hand look at their sons' everyday workout.

1, 2, 3, 4... These mothers experience the same plays and exercises that their sons go through during practices. Approxamately 40 moms participated in the Moms' Clinic.

Just like numerous past years, the auction was the biggest moneymaker, bringing in over $150,000 this year. This money helped fund many necessary classroom items, such as the renovation of the science labs. In addition to chairing the auction, the Mothers and Friends' Club also arranged volunteer workers for the bookstore and organized the after-prom party.

The mothers were not the only ones volunteering. The Fathers and Friends' Club held Bingo every Monday night at the C K & L of I to add to the school coffers. Many adults attended other events such as the golf tournament sponsored by the Alumni Organization every fall. Supporters came out to honor some of Althoff's biggest contributors at the Benefit Dinner held at Fishers. Thanks to many adult organizations and contributors, Althoff continues to provide a quality Catholic education for all students.

one in the spirit

Changes in Parishes of the Belleville Diocese

The clustering of parishes in the Belleville Diocese is part of an overall planning process called *Into the Future*, announced by Bishop Gregory in January 2003. The purpose of the planning process is to address the changing and challenging realities of ministering to God's people in southern Illinois. The main issue driving the plan is the declining number of priests in the diocese.

The major intentions of this ongoing process are to align neighboring parishes to strengthen services and assign priests into clustering parishes. It is anticipated that parishes would not close, but rather share certain personnel and ministries. Each cluster has been working to develop plans on dealing with the reduction of priests. The plans include modifying of Mass schedules; insuring the availability of a priest for sacraments, and sharing ministries between parishes. A business manager may be appointed within each cluster to relieve the pastor of many administrtive duties.

The Belleville parishes are clustered in the following manner: West End Cluster: Blessed Sacrament, Queen of Peace, and St. Henry; Central Cluster: Cathedral, St. Augustine, and St. Mary's; East End Cluster: St. Teresa and St. Luke. According to the plans, the number of priests would be reduced from ten to six, with each cluster having two priests. Although the combining of parishes may limit the attention of a priest to an individual parish, it also creates opportunities for the Catholic family of Belleville to grow as a whole. The collaboration of organizations, schools, and ministries will establish a strong unity in Belleville's faith community.

"St. Teresa's parish has changed a lot within the last several years. At school there are more clubs, new teachers, and a permanent principal. Fr. Trevor composes and performs his own music, which is something new. Also people now go to St. Luke's for 11:00 Mass."

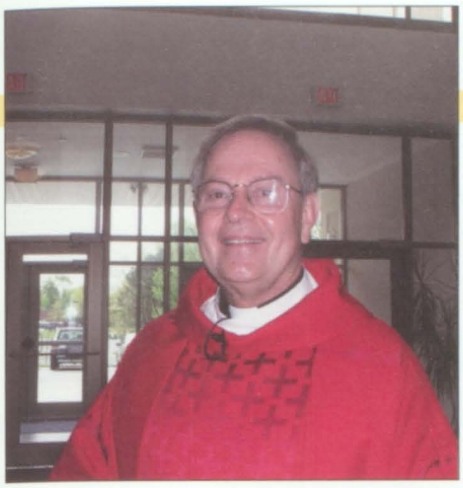
-Juniors Natalie Rodriguez and Anne Gavin

"St. Stephen's and Our Lady of Assumption combined schools when I was in second grade. It was a big deal. People were worried the parishioners would not get along. But we did. Since we've combined with St. Albert's, everything seems to be running just as smoothly as the first time."

-Junior Brad Beebe

"So far, I haven't really noticed a dramatic difference at St. Augustine's. There have been more people at church than I have ever seen before. But the school and the parish seem to be running the same way."

-Senior Sarah Goetter



"The clustering of parishes is really a blessing in disguise. The shortage of priests creates a need for lay people to realize what priests are truly necessary for and to assume the other roles. The lack of priests calls all the baptized to share the mission of Christ."

-Fr. Jack McEvilly, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish

"When I first heard St. Henry's school was closing I was really sad, but not suprised. They had been talking about it when I was in school there. The class sizes were becoming really small, as small as four students in a class."

- Sophomore Kate Shellenberg

"When I went to St. Mary's, they were worried about enrollment. The year after I graduated, the school was renamed *The Academy at St. Mary's* to attract more people. The decreasing numbers have motivated some people to get more involved."

-Sophomore Anna Pajaras

Our Lady of Assumption

Holy Trinity

St. Stephens

three parishes

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three parishes

three persons

GOD

three persons

St. Alberts

Congratulations, Sarah

Sarah Wassick

Some things do not change with time...your sweet smile, desire for adventure... and our love for you.

May you continue on your journey in life with confidence that your family will always be there for you!

XO,
Your Whole Family

Congratulations, Kyle

Kyle Sandman

We are so proud of you! Keep that easy-going attitude and enjoy what life has to offer. Good Luck in all of your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Steph '02

Congratulations, Andrew

Andrew,

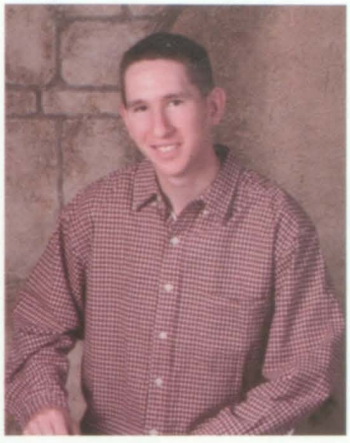
Having a son as fine as you has made us so proud. We wish you all the happiness that life can give. Believe in yourself and follow your dreams.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Andrew Schoendienst

Congratulations, Adam

Adam Reeb



Over the past 18 years we have watched you grow from a quiet little boy into a confident young man. You have truly amazed us with the determination, dedication, and devotion you have shown in your academic and athletic achievements.

As this chapter in your life ends and a new one begins, we are sure all your dreams and hopes will come true. We know you will succeed in whatever career you choose to pursue in adulthood. Just remember you can do anything you put your mind to.

You are truly an amazing young man who has given us so much pleasure and happiness over the years. We feel honored to call you our son.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Sara

Max Kenison

Congratulations, Max

We are proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Grandparents

Sara King

Congratulations, Sara

It's time to trust my instincts, Close my eyes, and leap! Defy Gravity Sara.

Congratulations, Stephanie

Stephanie Hoffman

Dear Stephanie,
God sent us the best he had! He blessed you and to Earth sent us this Pearl. You have won our hearts, Stephanie, and our wish for you is that God will bless you always with love, hope, and tenderness.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Andy

Congratulations, Jessica

Jessica Babka

May God guide you and protect you today and always.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

We're proud of you and all your accomplishments. Good Luck in college next year!

Love,
Mom, Dad
Jimmy, Andy, Mike, Ellen

Katie Keefe

CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL

We are very proud of you, you DID IT!!

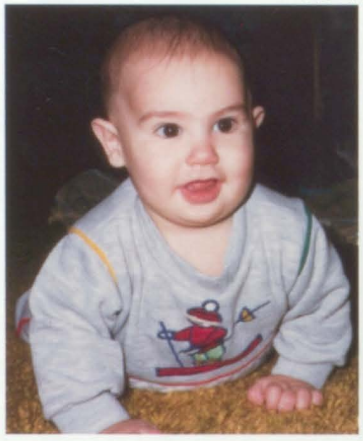
Michael Jacknewitz

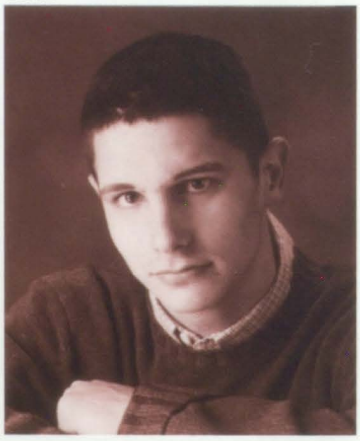
Be your own person and take the world by surprize.

We are so lucky to have you as our son.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Kevin!

Kevin Lisch





Thanks for being such a loving son and brother.
God be with you —

Love,
Mom, Dad, Stephanie, Theresa and Daniel

Congratulations, Alex!

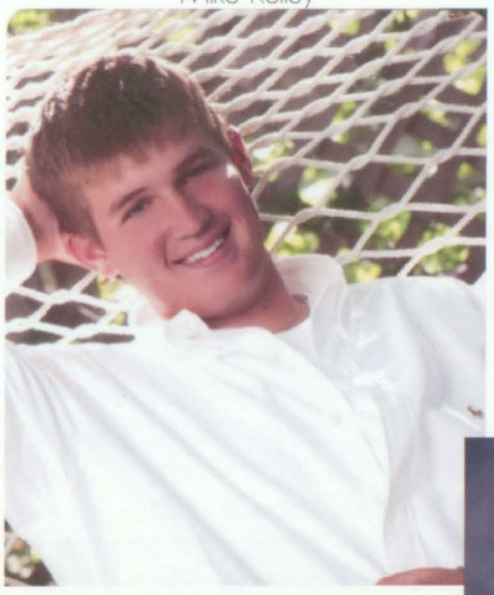
Alex Schmitt

We are so proud of you and the young man you have become. We wish you the very best in your future and in everything you do!

Stay focused and keep smiling and may all of your dreams come true!
Love,
Mom and Dad and Ashley

Mike,
Our Son, Our miracle.
You are such a blessing to all.
You have brought us so much joy and happiness.

Mike Kelley



You are everything in a son a Dad and Mom could ever want.
We wish you all the love, health and happiness life has to offer.

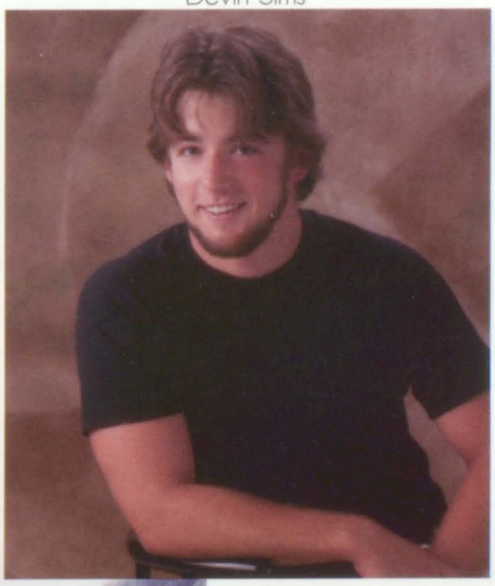
With all our love and pride,
Dad, Mom, Erin, Tom

Congratulations!

Your accomplishments have made us very proud. Remember what you have learned, and keep close to the friends you have made. With your determination in everything you do, your future has endless possibilities. God blessed us with a son who has been our entertainment and our inspiration. Always remember that we believe in you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Devin Sims



Bret Morrell

Bret:
As your parents, we are so very proud of your accomplishments and your daily approach to life. This will serve you well through out the coming years. Your positive attitude and can-do spirit is an inspiration to us and our family. As your parents, you will always receive our unconditional love and support throughout your lifetime. Bret, we love you very much

Dad, Mom, Emily, Molly, Lucy

Congratulations!

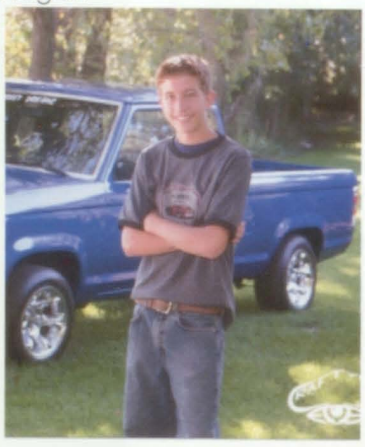
Today is your day. You're off to great places.
You're off and away! - Dr. Suess

Brittany Cleary

We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments. You constantly amaze us by the ease in which you achieve your goals. From academics to athletics, you have proven you can do it all.

Never stop being the funny, independent, wonderful person that you are. Listen to your heart and follow your dreams and oh the places you will go!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Adam

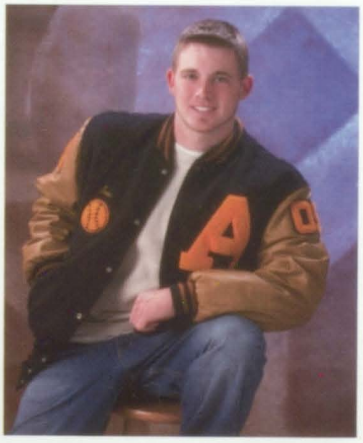
Brian Barrington



We have watched you grow into a wonderful young man. We know you will follow your dreams. We are proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Jenny, and Jason

Brandon, Congratulations!

Brandon Svec



We are so proud of you!
Stay focused and close to God...
Your possibilities will be endless.
We are always here for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Brittany, Ryan, Ashley, and Nick

Daryl, Congratulations!

Daryl Fullmer

It is so hard to believe you are at this point in your life. It seems like yesterday when you were born. We are very proud of you and we have thoroughly enjoyed watching you grow into the wonderful person you are. Good luck with everything and may the future hold nothing but happiness for you.

We love you always,
Mom, Dad, Nicole, and Brett

Congratulations Sarabeara!

Sara King

The world is yours!
We love you,
Dad, Arlene, DA, and Adam

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
Hebrews 13:2

Mike Wells

Ashley Cole

To our wonderful daughter who has accomplished so much in life. Keep your head up and always have faith in God. Everything else will fall into place.

Congratulations From:
Mom and Dad

Daniel, Congratulations!

You made it!

Daniel Defoe

We are proud of the young man you have become. Keep up the hard work—your rewards will be plentiful and your future will continue to be bright.

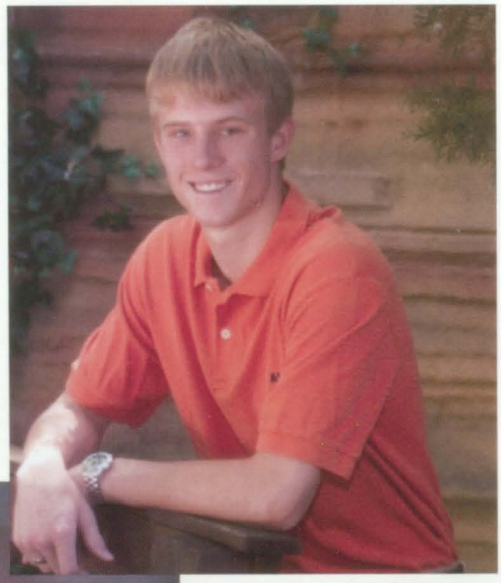
Love,
Mom, Dad and Kristen

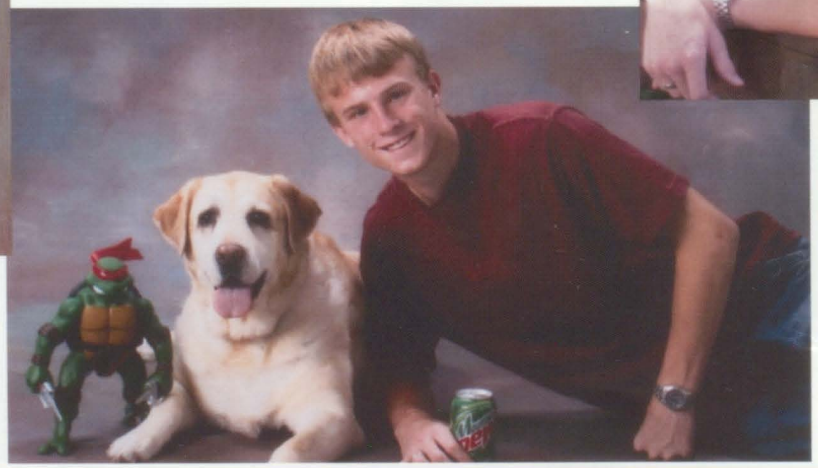
David Schoen

You have always had an enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm for life. You have followed your own path and accomplished so much. Keep that positive attitude - it will take you anywhere you choose. Remember to make people smile and laugh along the way.

We are proud of you.
We love you.

Mom, Dad, Beth, and Kate





Katherine Marie Walsh

Dear Kate,
Our love has been unconditional since day one. Since then, you have earned our respect and trust. We are immensely proud and confident about your future.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Bryan and Greg

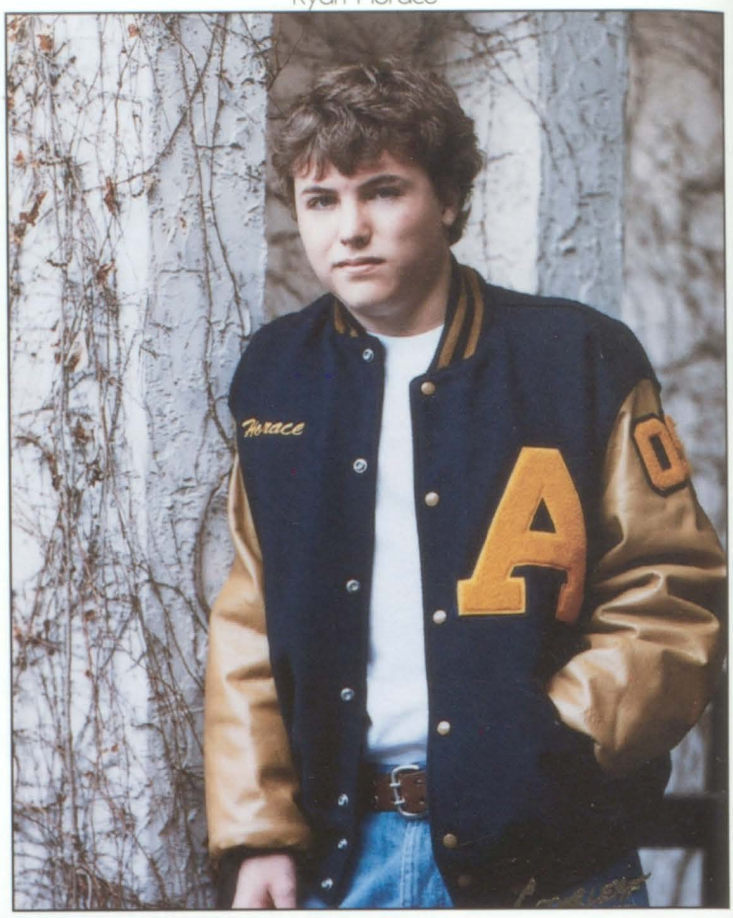
Congratulations, Ryan

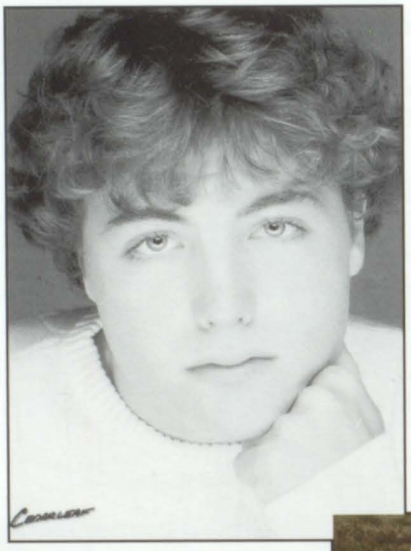
In April of eighty-seven
We were blessed with a gift from heaven
Born to us, this sweet baby boy.
He's given us a world of joy.
Our beloved son
The gifted one
His eyes so blue
His soul so true
His heart so kind
His brilliant mind
His handsome face
His warm embrace
His funny ways
He's brightened our days
We've marveled aloud
He's made us so proud
Electronics and soccer, his love for cars
Enthusiasm and passion will take him far
His strength and dignity
Have helped him overcome any adversity
His thoughts inspire
His goals reach higher
His future he saw
In business and law
So thank you Ryan
You're a fine young man
Our hearts you've touched
We love you so much!
Wherever you go, whatever you do
Please know we'll be here for you
We couldn't have asked for a better son
You've continued to amaze us in all that you've done
My son, you're my hero and always will be
I treasure each special moment you've given to me
From your birth, all through school, to the senior prom
It's been an honor to be your mom.

Believe in yourself and follow your dreams

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Alyssa, and Taylor

Ryan Horace





Nate

After 18 years...

the innocence is gone,

but the spark of mischief will always

remain!

Congratulations, lil sis!

Ashley Cole

Keep up the good work.

Love Always,
Tristan

Maureen Smith

Reenie,
You have given us love, joy, and countless blessings. May all these gifts be returned to you.

Love always,
Dad, Mom, and Ryan '02

Lauren Hettenhausen

Lauren,

You have brought so much joy into our lives. We are very proud of you and the beautiful young woman you have become. We are most proud of your good heart, your willingness to help others and your work ethic. We know that whatever you choose to do in life, you will succeed. Follow your heart and be happy.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jessica Miranda Duco

Dear Jessica Miranda,

The day you were born you moved right into our hearts and that's where you still are...all wrapped in love. You have brought so much pride and joy to our lives. We thank God for you everyday. We wish you happiness and more love than your heart can hold. You'll always be our little "crunchy-hula" girl.

May all your dreams come true!
Love always and forever,
Mom, Dad, Joey, and Bella

Nick Schaefer

Nick,

You've always had a smile that would brighten anyone's day. Choose to use it often and bring joy to the lives you touch. We've loved watching you grow into the successful young man that you've become. Good luck in all you do. You make us smile always.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Ellen Kay Grimm

Ellie-Be-Bop,
We truly are the luckiest parents in the world!

Count your blessings each day and always wear that beautiful smile.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Liz, and Em

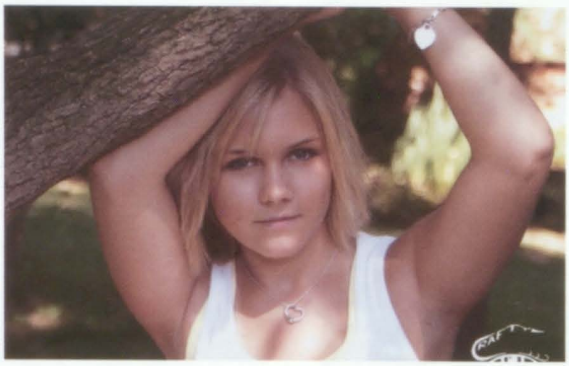
Sara, you are a wonderful blessing,
A treasure from above.
You're laughter, warmth, and special charm,
You're thoughtfulness and love.

You bring a special joy,
That comes from deep inside.
Through every stage, through every age,
We love you even more.

No words can describe the warm memories,
The pride and gratitude too.
That comes from having a daughter,
To love and to cherish, just like you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Sara Martini



Mary Orlet

Mary,
Congratulations on your many accomplishments. We are so proud to be your family. You are truly a wonderful person. May God continue to bless you as you journey though life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Anne, Michael, Patrick, Daniel, and John

Quiana Shobe

Quiana, You Will Always Be Our Special Angel. Keep God in your heart and you will accomplish things you never thought you could. Keep your wonderful smile and personality.

Remember Always, We Are Very Proud Of You.

Love Always,
Dad (Lloyd Shobe)
Grandparents (Charles and Paula Hale)
Your Family

Andrea Gore

Andrea,
We are so proud of you. May your future be bright, successful, and full of happiness. We'll always be here to support you.

Love,
Dad, Mom,
Renee '03, and Ryan '06

LOVE THAT SMILE

A.J. Gass

YOU HAVE TENACITY KID! Your "NEVER QUIT ATTITUDE" makes us SO PROUD to be you parents. Throughout your life journey keeping God first, knowing that what you believe, you will achieve, and always striving to maintain a positive attitude no matter haw many times you may be knocked down WILL BE THE DIFFERENCE between EXTRAORDINARY and mediocrity. YOU'RE THE BEST.

WE LOVE YOU!
MOM and DAD

The Nurturer!

Although you are the youngest, your nurturing spirit makes you "The Man". God has blessed you to become a very special, caring and nurturing person. Don't ever stop, and don't let anything stop you. Continue your life with the Lord. He will continue to bless you in all that you do! We are proud of you!

We love you,
Mom, Big Brother JaRon,
Little Sister Alexus

Ronald Napoleon Madlock, Jr.

Congratulations Matt!

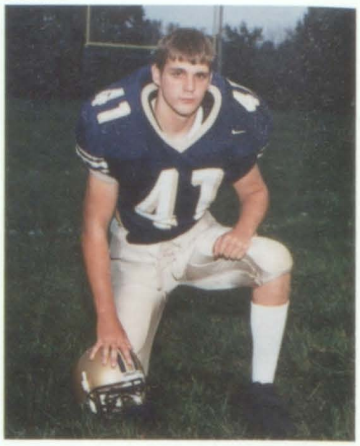
Matt Muckensturm

We are so very proud of all your accomplishments thus far, and most importantly, the fine, young man you've become. Never lose that sweet smile which has always brightened our day!

Keep striving for the best you can be and your dreams will come true! We will always be there o support you.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Jason, and Melissa

Brett Judkins

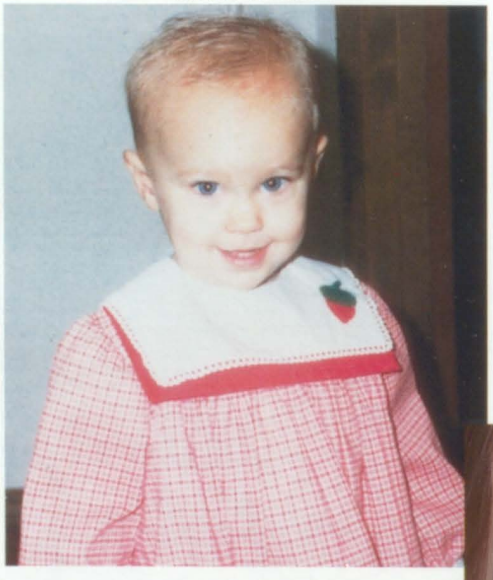


Brett,

Congratulations to a very special grandson, son, and brother. May your future be bright and filled with happiness. And may God always watch over you. We are proud of you and love you!

Love,
Babu, Mom, Dad, Stephanie,
Sarah, Patrick, and John

Jackie Juscius



Wow Jackie, Just look how you have grown in 17 years! We look forward to watching your journey to adulthood.

We are very proud of you. The future is full of success and happiness for you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Joey

Alexandra La'Tres Hines

Princess Alexandra, Always keep the light that shines so bright in your eyes each time you smile. Keep that outgoing and friendly personality. You are not only brilliant outside, but inside too.

We are so proud of you. We know you will go far in whatever you choose to do. Remember, "Seek God first and His Righteousness and he will give you the desires of your heart."

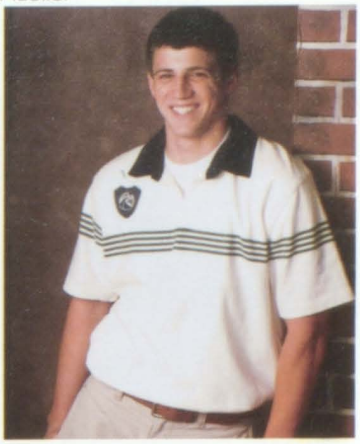
Love,
Mom, Ty, Karl, Larry, D and De'Shawn

Sarah Elizabeth (Little Lu) Mitchell

You have always made us so proud.

Love, peace, and prayers,
Mom, Dad, and Family

Jack Mueller



Jack,

We are very proud of you! We wish you much success and happiness in the years ahead. Follow your dreams and be the best that you can be. Congratulations!

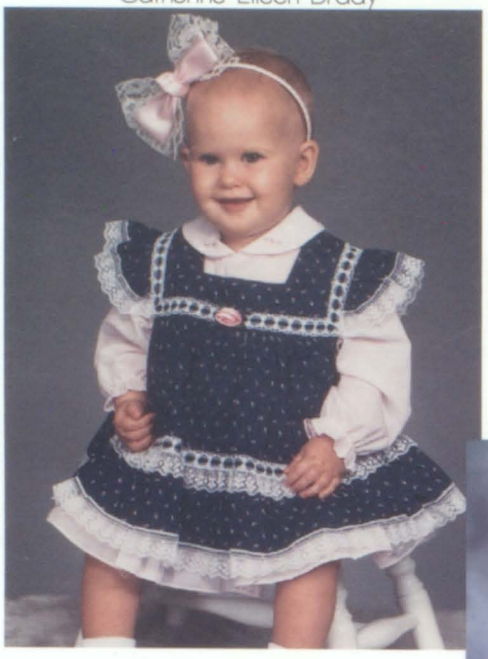
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kylie

Sarah Marie Goetter

Dear Sarah,
With the blink of an eye you have grown from our little princess into a beautiful young lady. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments! From the determination you have towards your studies and dance, to the ease in which you create masterpieces of Art, you always make us proud to be your parents and sister. The challenges in your life have made you stronger and more determined. Never stop believing in yourself. May God bless and guide you each and every day as you continue your journey in life. But always remember the best is yet to come. We will always be there for you.
With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Emily and Lacey

Live*Love*Laugh

Catherine Eileen Brady



As you move
Onward keep
Reaching for
Your DREAMS.

We love you,
Daddy, Mom & Tim

Joe McGinnis

Congratulations Joe,
your family is proud of you.

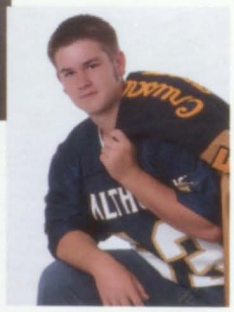
Kevin "PJ" Herrington

YEA...you made it!
We are so proud of you.

Love always,
Dad, Mom & Rory

Brett Tyler

Tackle Your
Fears and
Live Your
Dreams!

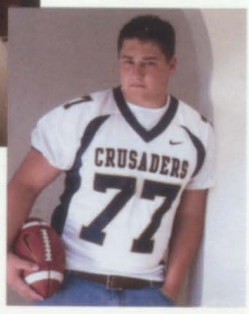


Brett,
Know that you will always have our love and support in whatever you do. We are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Blake & Bryce

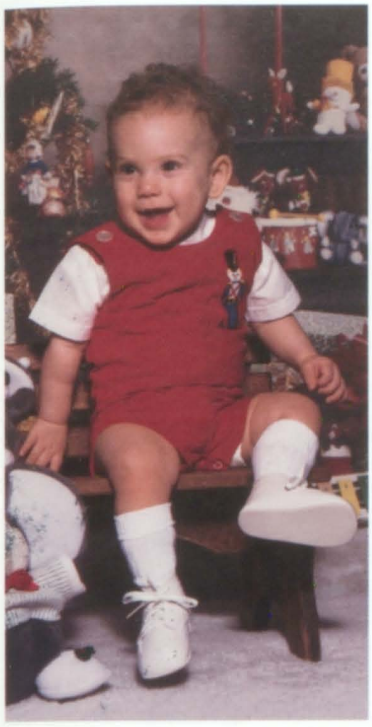
Chris Thompson

Chris-
Thanks for always being there for me. I'm going to miss you-I've grown up always having you there for me, and it won't be the same. Good luck in the future! Congratulations!
Love Your Sister-
Heather



Chris,
We can not believe that these years have gone by so fast. You have grown into a wonderful man. It seems only yesterday that you were just a little boy. We are so proud of you-of who you are-of who you have become and who you will be. We wish you all of the best in your future and we love so very much!
Love,
Mom-Dad-Heather & Bailey

Alex Michael



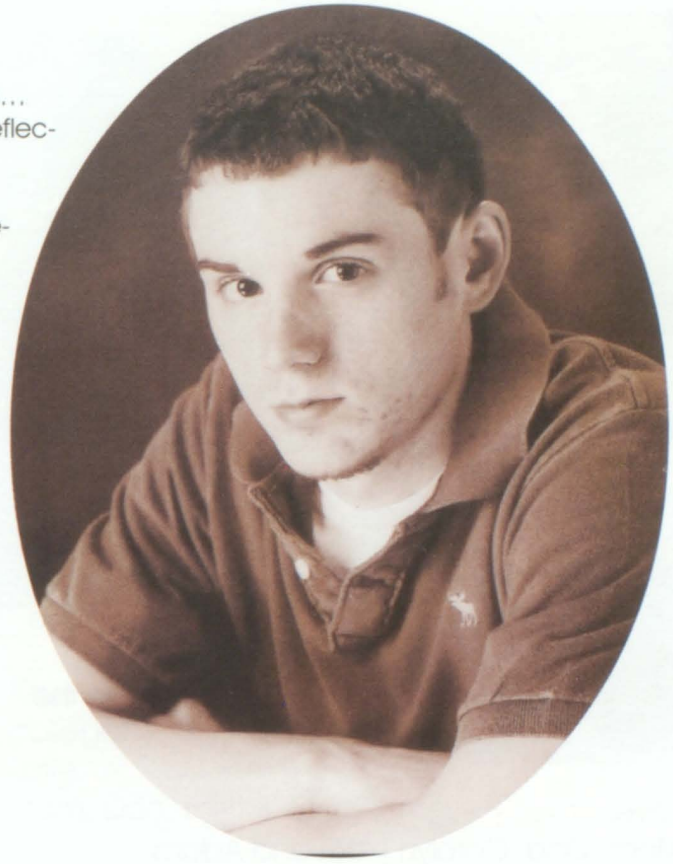
Congratulations to you first born son...
As you await your graduation with reflection and fun.

While you move forward, may you remember one thing...
"There is no way of knowing what tomorrow will bring."

So...hold your head high and remember to see...
All that is in you-All you are meant to be.

Go on to college and always be true...
Just remember your family will always love you!!!

Now and Forever,
Mom, Dad and Jeff



Congratulations, Angela!

Angela Comana

We are very proud of you. You have become a beautiful, smart and talented young lady.

We hope your future will be filled with great success and happiness.

More blabber here.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Laura

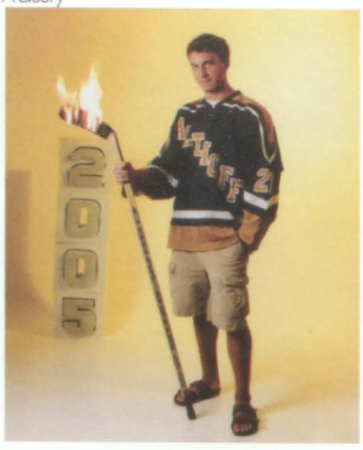
Congratulations Ryan!

Ryan Young

We couldn't be more proud of the young man you've become. It's been such a blessing watching you grow into a strong, loving and compassionate person. Stay strong in your faith and follow your dreams.

We love you very much,
Mom & Dad

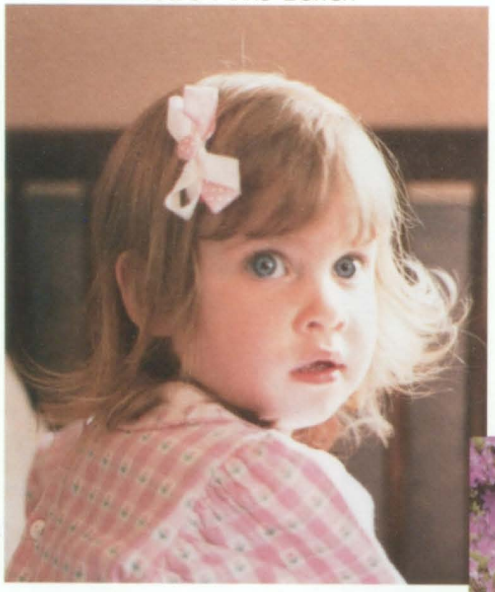
Peter Kassly



Pete,
We are proud of your many accomplishments,
The best is yet to come.
Always remember you can count on our love and support.
Cherish the good friends you meet along the way.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Carolyn ('06) and Adam

Laura Anne Betten



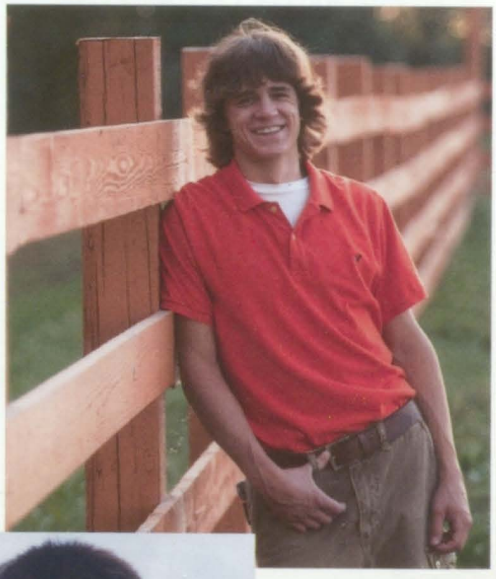
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Celebrate life..love, laugh, live!

We are so blessed to have you in our lives and proud of the special person you have become.

All of our love,
Dad, Mom, Liz and John

Congratulations Austin Robert Wolf!



To a kind and talented young man. We look forward with you into a bring future and hope that all of your dreams come true. It has been fun to watch you grow! God Bless You.

With Much Love,
Mom, Dad, and Ally

Austin Robert Wolf

Colleen Keefe

Colleen, you have been such a delightful child and young lady. We love your beautiful smile and dimples. We appreciate and admire your special qualities. You are caring, compassionate, loyal and hardworking. We wish you much happiness and success.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Patrick, and Erin

Kayla Korves

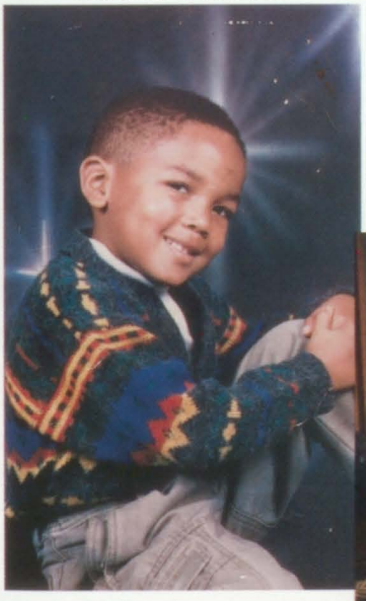
Kayla,
We're all so proud of the wonderful person you've become.

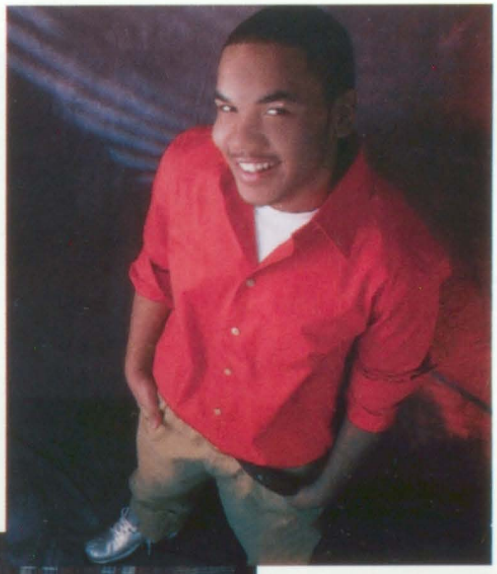
Keep up the great work in college!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Brett & Todd

Donnie, Remember your creator in the days of your youth before difficult days come and the years say "I have no pleasure in them"

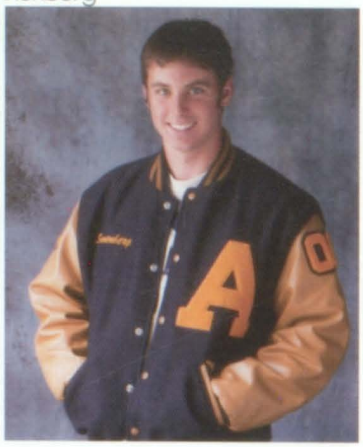
Ecclesiastes 12:1

Daronte R. Fordson





Chris Sonnenberg



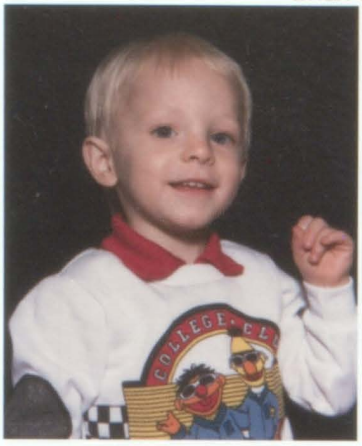
Chris-

It seems like yesterday when you started school and here you are a graduating senior. We have enjoyed watching you grow into the wonderful young man that you have become. As you begin this new chapter in your life, remember to continue believing in yourself. We love you and are extremely proud to call you our son and our brother.

Always and forever
Mom and Dad
Casey and Carson

Congratulations Brian!

Brian Roewe



We are proud of you and your accomplishments. Continue your desire to learn, enjoy life and fulfill your dreams, even Boston.

Have fun in college and give it your best, as you always have.

Our love and prayers are with you always.
Mom, Andrea and Wilma

We can't believe how quickly the years have passed,
Our baby is all grown up.
You are very special to us,

Love
Mom & Dad

Jacqueline Michelle Joergensen

Andrew Comley Willard

To My #1 Grandson,
You were and always will be #1 to me. Fulfill all your dreams and goals in life. My help and prayers are with you now and always.

Love,
Nan

Danny Reeb

Congratulations Danny!

We are very proud of what a nice young man you have become.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Phillip

Suzanne,
You are the joy that moves our souls and the presence that warms our hearts. We watch with love and hold the years we share forever. Follow your heart for it has not misled you. Your accomplishments are many and we glow with pride for you. In the beginning, in the journey, and in life's mystery, we will always be there with love for you.

Suzanne Kniepkamp

May God continue to warm your smile and keep the sparkle in your eyes.

A Special Touch of Love Always,
Mom and Dad

Laura Morton

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine gently on you face.
May the rain fall softly on your fields, and
As you go through life may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

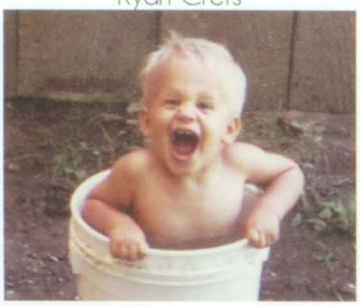
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Mary and Lou.

Andrew C. Willard

Andy,
We are so proud of you. Never lose your sense of humor and great personality. Stay focused and all or your dreams will come true. And remember that we will always be here for you.

We Love You,
Mom and Dad

Ryan Crets



Congratulations, Ryan!

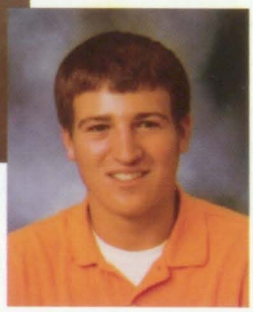
From playing in buckets to graduating High School—you've come a long way! Ryan, you have brought us great joy these last 18 years and we are proud of all that you have done, and moreover of who you are! We wish for you a life full of opportunities, happiness and peace. Continue to hold onto your values and your faith, as they are the most important things in life. God bless!

Love always,
Mom, Jim & Scott
Numbers 6:24-26

Congratulations, Marty!

Marty Kosydor

We are very proud of you.



Wishing you success and happiness in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Steve & Kelli

Maura McGlynn

Maura,
We are very proud of you. May God love you and protect you, now and always.
Mom, Dad, Margaret, Kathleen, Mary Claire, and Madelyn

Brent Colbert

To our Brent,
You have grown from a little boy to a fine young man. Your accomplishments are many and we know your desire to succeed is great. We are very proud of you.

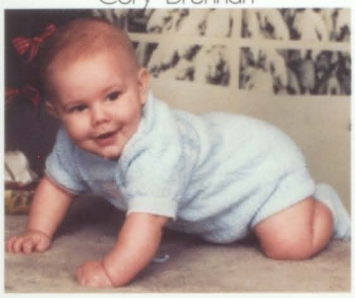
We Love You,
Mom and Dad

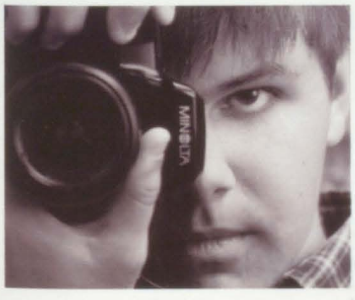
Shelley Schindler

Your passion for Life is inspiring.
Please continue to use your gifts wisely and in service to the Lord.
May He be with you always and in your heart forever.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Sarah

Cory Brennan





Congratulations, Cory!

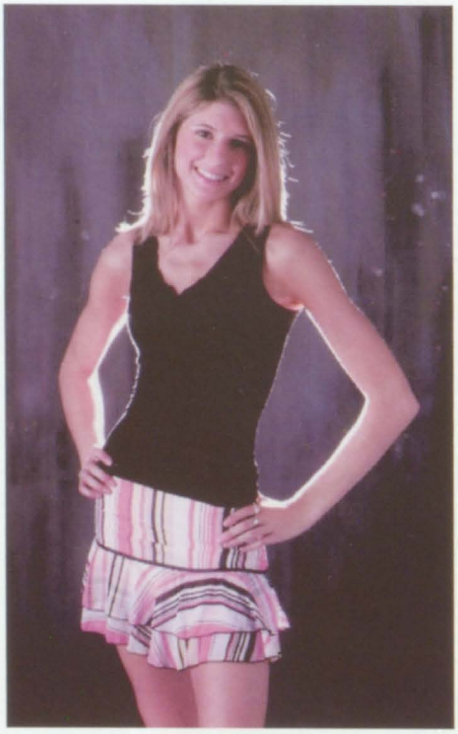
Your gentle spirit and winning smile touch all those you meet. We could not be more proud of the young man you have become. We wish you much love, happiness and success in the years ahead. Continue to make good choices in your life, work hard and know we are always here when you need us.

All our love,
Mom and Dad

Tricia ShayTierney

Tricia, your desires to attend Althoff High School have been fulfilled with many fond memories. Your interactions with faculty and students, and your lessons learned will guide you. You've grown from this experience. May your hopes become realities and your endeavors successful now, and in the future. High School Congratulations!

Blessings and Love always,
Dad



"Beezer",
Grade School and High School are now in the past
My, how you've grown up so tall and so fast

Four years of football and basketball, you cheered them all
Now you fondly look back on your last Christmas Ball

Many challenges in life soon you will face
College, career, marriage, It's all just a race

Remember all your days at ACHS
You will look back and know indeed they were best

In the blink of an eye, you'll be out on your own
Away from Althoff, friends and your home

Rely on yourself and do good things to the end
Remember what you were taught by your family and friends

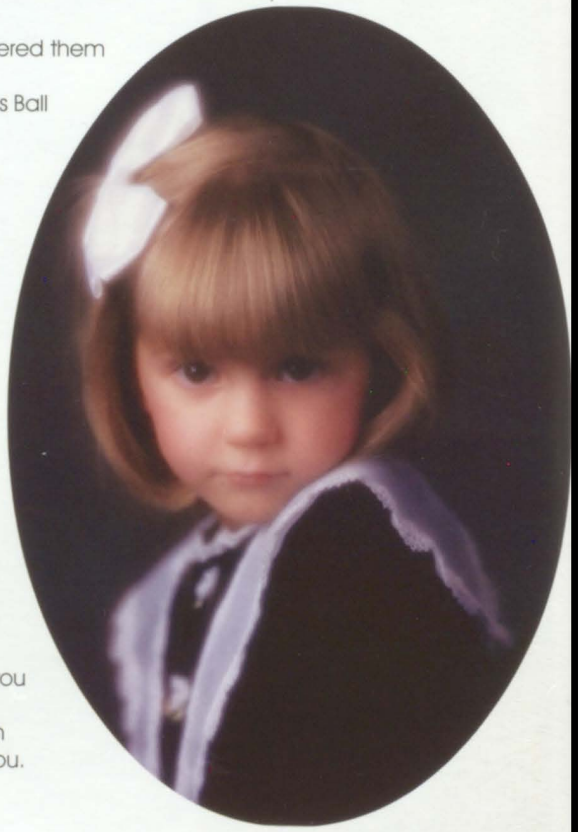
Work hard, succeed, and don't forget to play
Do the best you know how, each and every day

Always laugh, be joyful and learn to love true
Remember you are no one till someone loves you

Be kind, thoughtful, and know one thing through
No matter where you are, we will always love you.

Congratulations 2005 ACHS Grad
Love,
Mom and Dad

Ashley Beckett



Neil A. Dusek

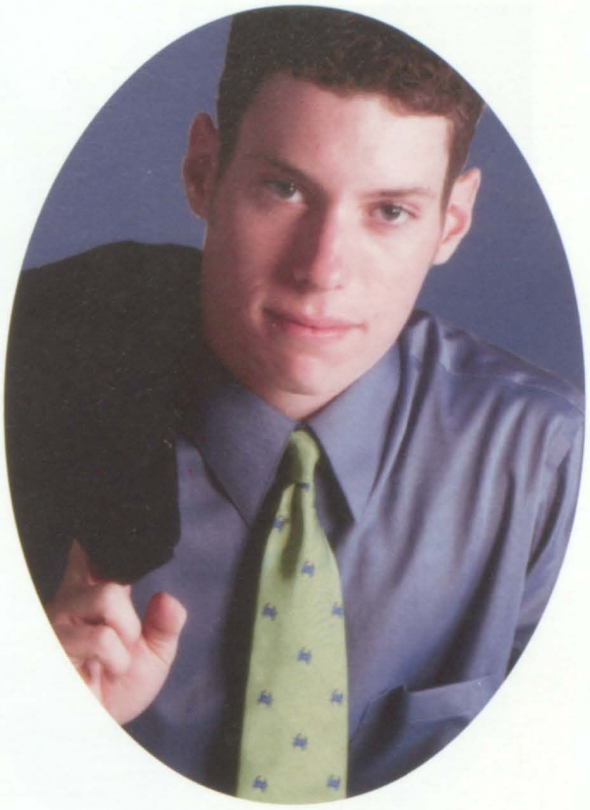
Neil,

Into a fine
young man you
have grown,

One all are
proud to have
known.

You will be
successful
in all you do.

Love you,
Mom and Jana

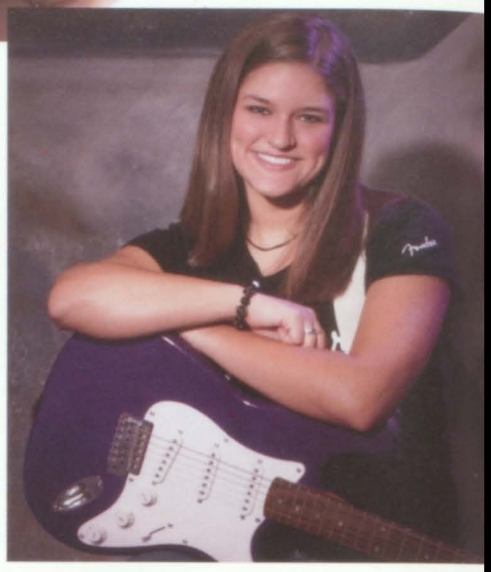


Sam Wilkins

Sam,

Congratulations! You have always been our shining star. We love the abundance of confidence you have shown in your life. Quiet strength, independent thought will always be your key ingredients to success and happiness.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Meggie Dee-
We've watched you grow from a blue eyed, pig-tailed baby to a beautiful and talented young woman. We're proud of all your hard work and your sweet spirit. Good luck as you take on your next challenge.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Eryn

Meghan Deanne Wilson

Congratulations!!!!

Jessica Fussner

You are now ready to move on to the next chapter of your life. Our advice for this next chapter is to remember that life is too short. You only go around once in life so make the most of everything you do, but remember everything you do has consequences, so make the things you choose to do count by making your choices wisely. Despite what you may think, your past is something that may come back to haunt you, which means the decisions you make will impact you tomorrow.

If ever you need anything, you can always count on your family in the good times as well as the bad, so if you make some choices that are not the best, please don't ever hesitate to ask for help. Your family will always be there for you.

No matter what we will always love you.

Derek J. Meile

We're so proud of you and who you have become. May all your dreams and hopes come true... and remember to always believe in yourself.

Good luck in college. We know you will succeed in everything you do!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, & Danielle

Congratulations Leslie

Leslie Hamilton

We are very proud of you! You are a special person, generous with your laughter, caring when needed, and always aware of others' feelings.

Continued success and happiness.

Love,
Mom, Dad and J.T.

Yes Sir this is our Baby

It seems like only yesterday
that you were our little baby.
Every moment we have spent
with you is a joy.
We're extremely proud of who
you are.
You are loved by so many,
Especially your whole family.
Keep up the good work.
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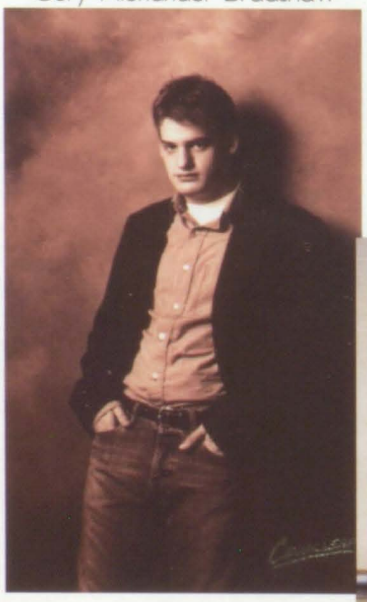
La Shawndra RL Harris

You were our 'PREMIE,' now you tower over all of us. We are EXTREMELY proud of all your accomplishments. Continue succeeding in all that you do. We wish for you only the BEST that LIFE has to offer.

Love, Hugs, & Kisses
DAD, MOM, & ADAM

Cory Alexander Bradshaw



Brittany O'Saben

Since you were small...
A smile you gave to all...

Now that you're grown
And ready to go out on your own...

Our wish for you is for your
Smile to reach afar...

Mile after Mile.....

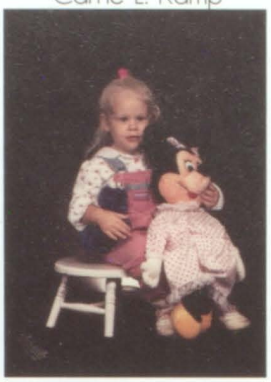
We Love You!
Mom, Dad, Eric, and Bootsey

Paul Renner

Paul-
You've gone from a "Buddha Baby" to a "Ladies Man." You set goals for yourself in high school, and you reached them! Your future's so bright we all have to wear shades. Reach for the stars Prenz; we're very proud of you. Remember "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get"...But we're sure blessed to have you.

Love,
Brenz, Mom, Lara, and Dan & Sam (AKA "The Fruits")

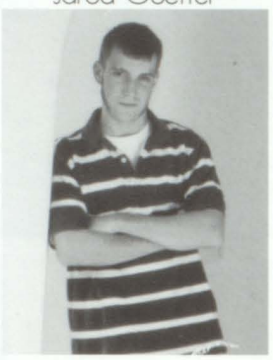
Carrie L. Kamp



Congratulations to you Carrie. We are so proud of you, and we know how fortunate we are to have a daughter like you. You have made us all very proud.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jarod Goetter



Congratulations, Jarod

We are so proud of the young man you've become-our wish for you is great happiness in the future!

Love always,
Mom, Dad and Chris ('01)

Daniele Federico

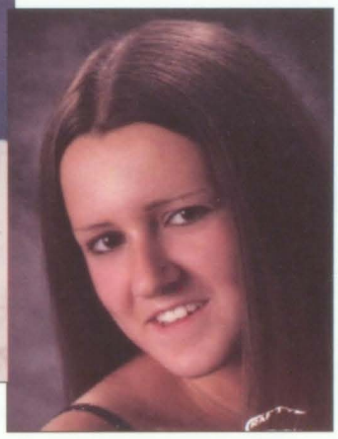
Congratulations to the one who will always be "the baby." You have made us all very proud. The choices you have made so far have put you on a path to happiness and success. Even when you are far away, you will always be in our thoughts and hearts. We could have never hoped for a better daughter!

With love from all of your family.

Katie Jenks

Katie,
Congratulations! Where have the years gone…from a sweet baby to a beautiful young lady in the blink of an eye! Follow your dreams and reach for the stars-you can achieve whatever you desire. Let the Lord, your intellect and your heart guide you always. Good luck in college-we will always be here for you. Katie, you make us proud!!

Love,
Mom and Nicole ('08)



Benjamin Ochoa

When Benjamin was born; we as his parents felt very blessed because we believe that our sons are a blessing from God. We love you Son.
Ruben and Guadeloupe Ochoa

Molly,
From a beautiful little girl to the extraordinary young lady that you are, you have always made us proud!

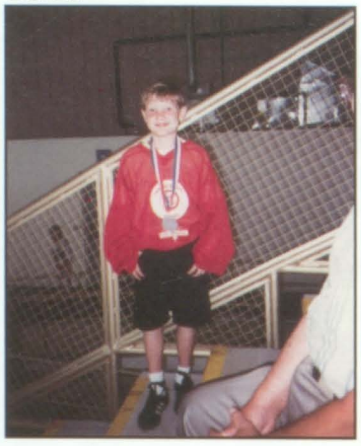
Molly Artime

You have always exuberated love, sincerity, ambition and poise. You are, in my eyes, everything I wish I was and your father & I have been blessed with you as our daughter.

We truly believe you will be successful in every aspect of life and you have so much to offer! Stay the way you are, "Lucy," and may God be with you every step of the way.

Love, Mom, Dad & Tommy

Charlie Donze



Charlie, we are so proud of you. Reach for the Stars and Have Fun in whatever you do.

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Michelle!

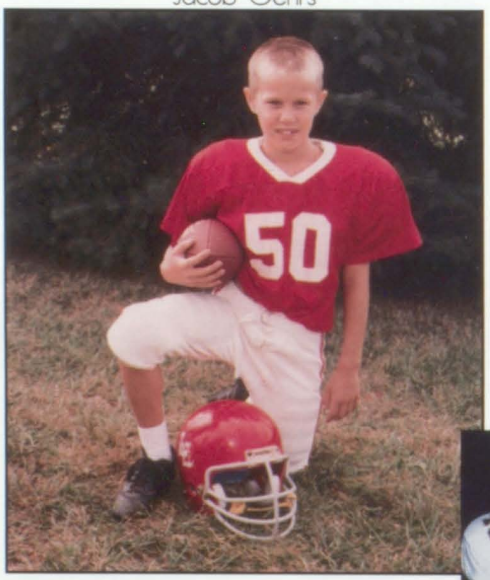
Michelle Westerheide

We are very proud of you and wish you much happiness and success. Follow your dreams. Work hard. Be kind.

That's all anyone can ever ask. The rest will take care of itself.

Love you forever,
Mom, Dad, and Beamer

Jacob Gehrs



Dare to dream, dare to try, dare to follow your heart. Opportunity is calling and graduation is the time to start.

As you seek new challenges and make your dreams come true, may your graduation day be a reminder of all that you can do!

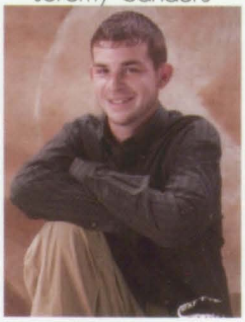
Thanks for the ride – we love you –
Mom, Shane, Justin, Austin, Philip,
& Crystal

Jill Bollinger

Dearest Jill,
Congratulations on four successful years of high school. You have done well and made us very proud of you. We wish you continued success and hope you always follow your dreams. Here's to you, Jill, our Beautiful Daughter.

Love Mom and Dad

Jeremy Sanders



Congratulations Jeremy

We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. May the future bring only the very best.
Love, Mom & Dad

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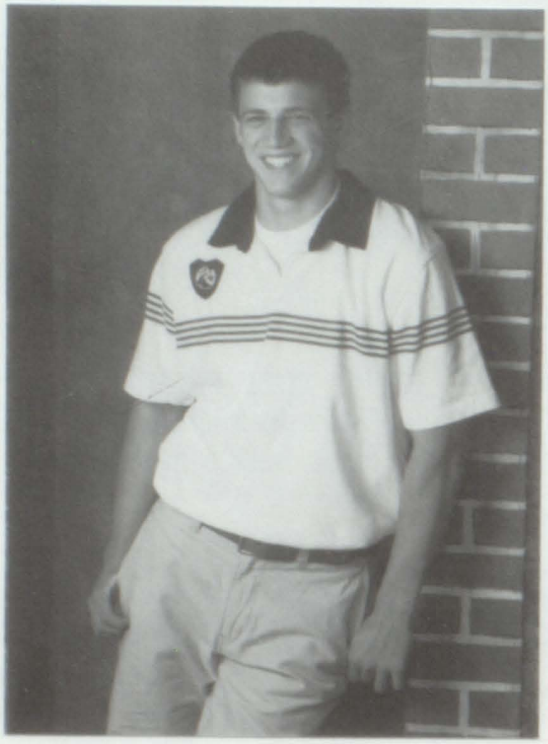

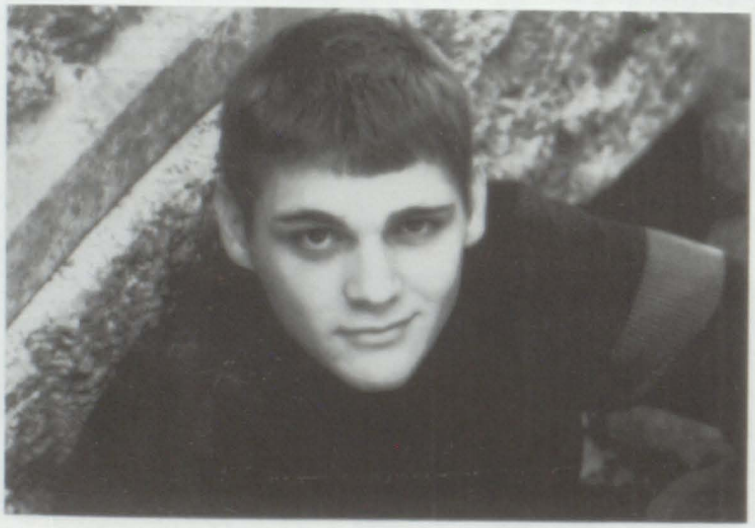

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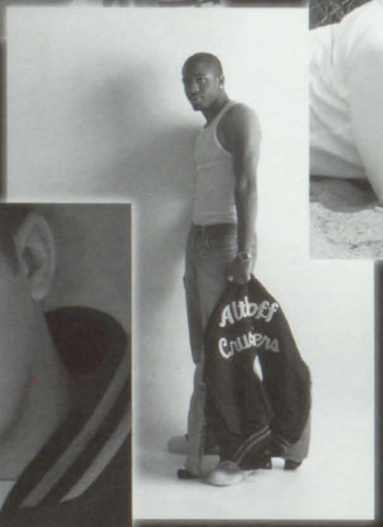

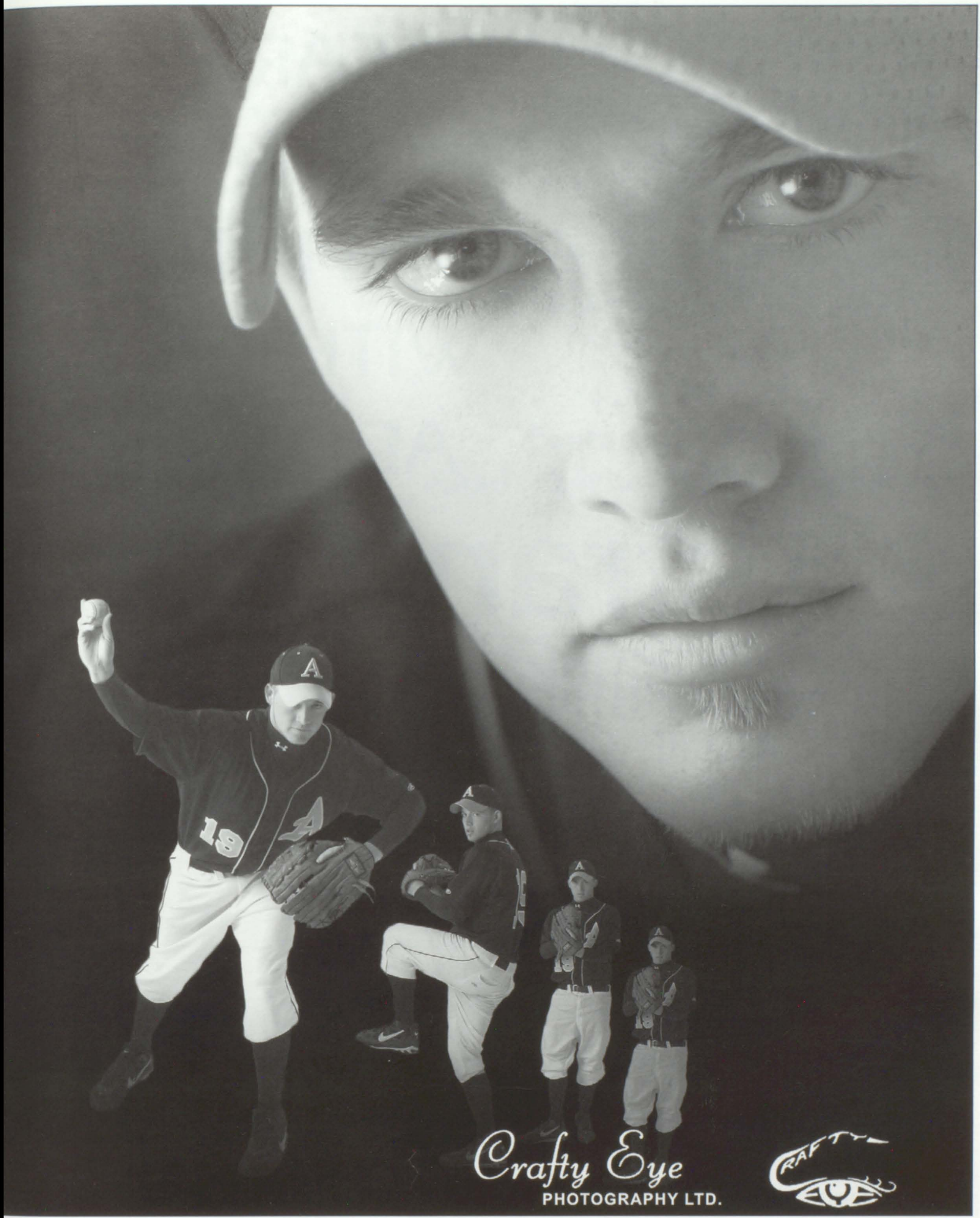
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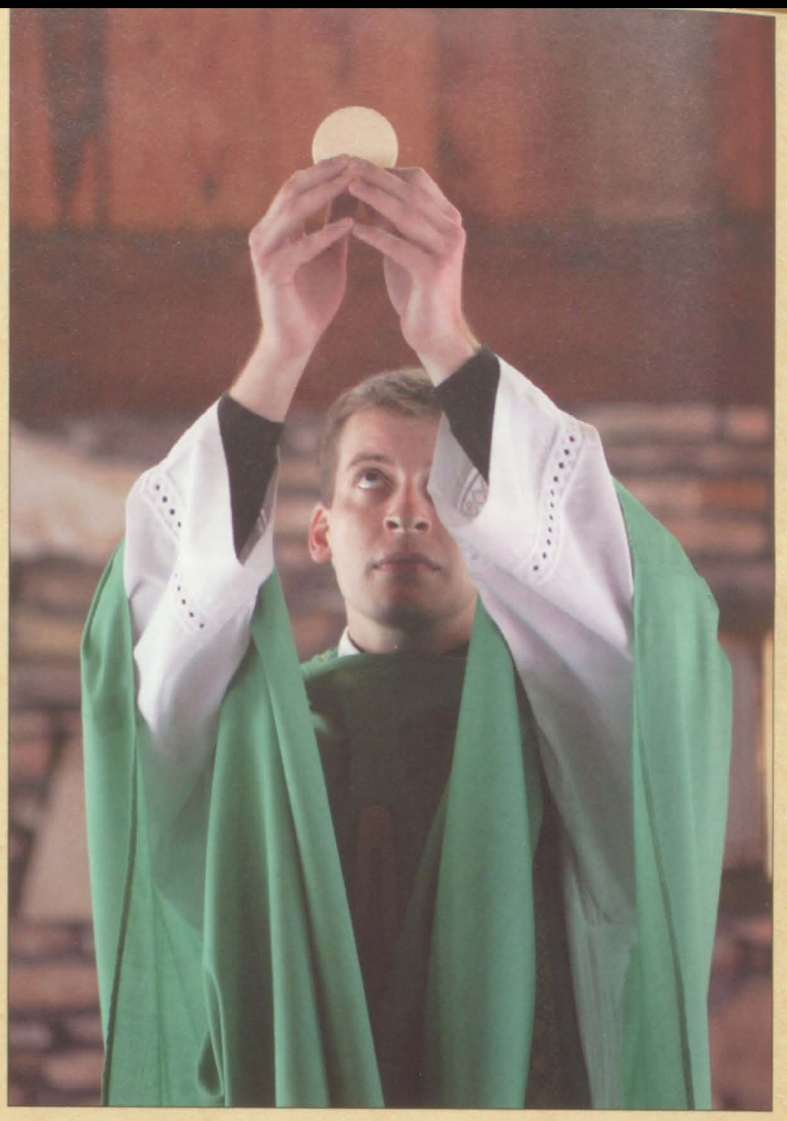

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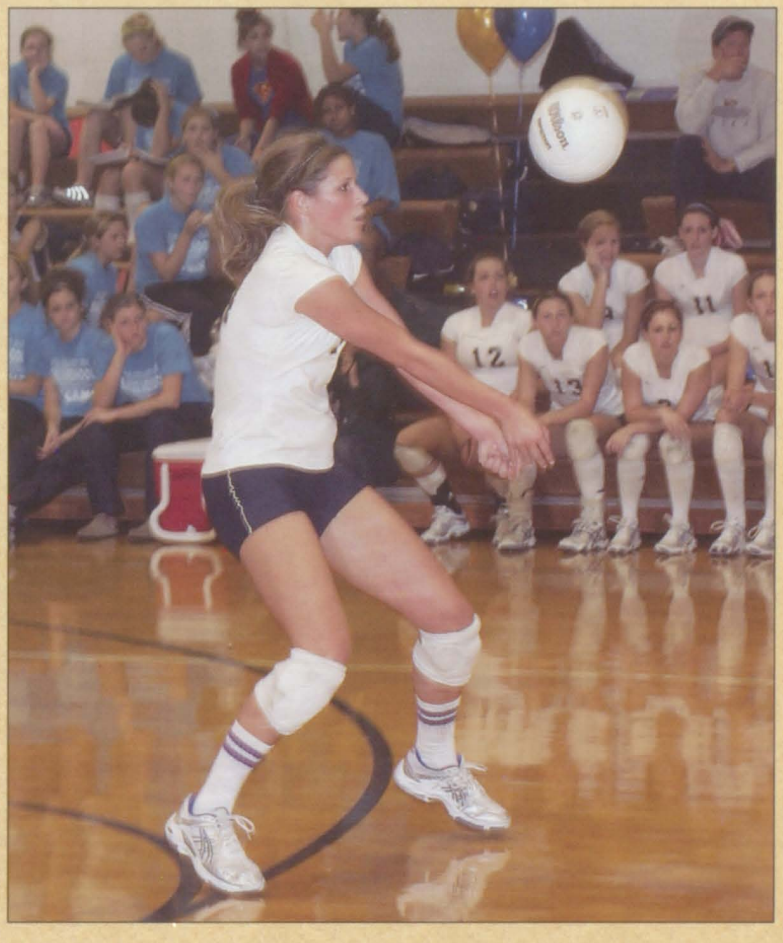

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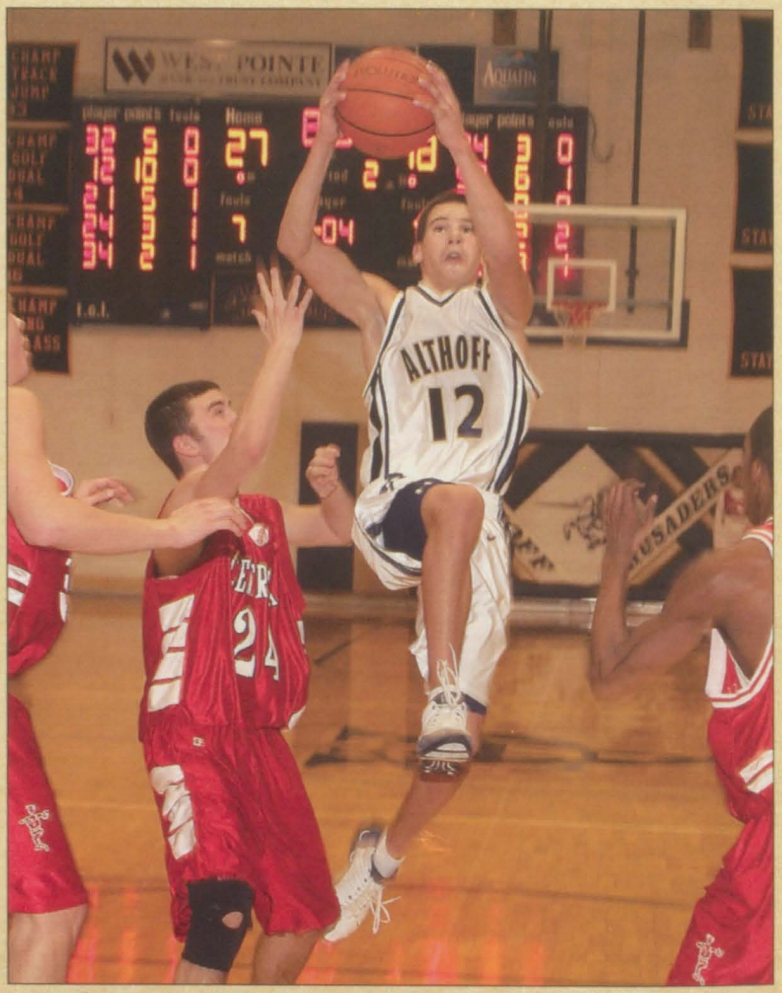

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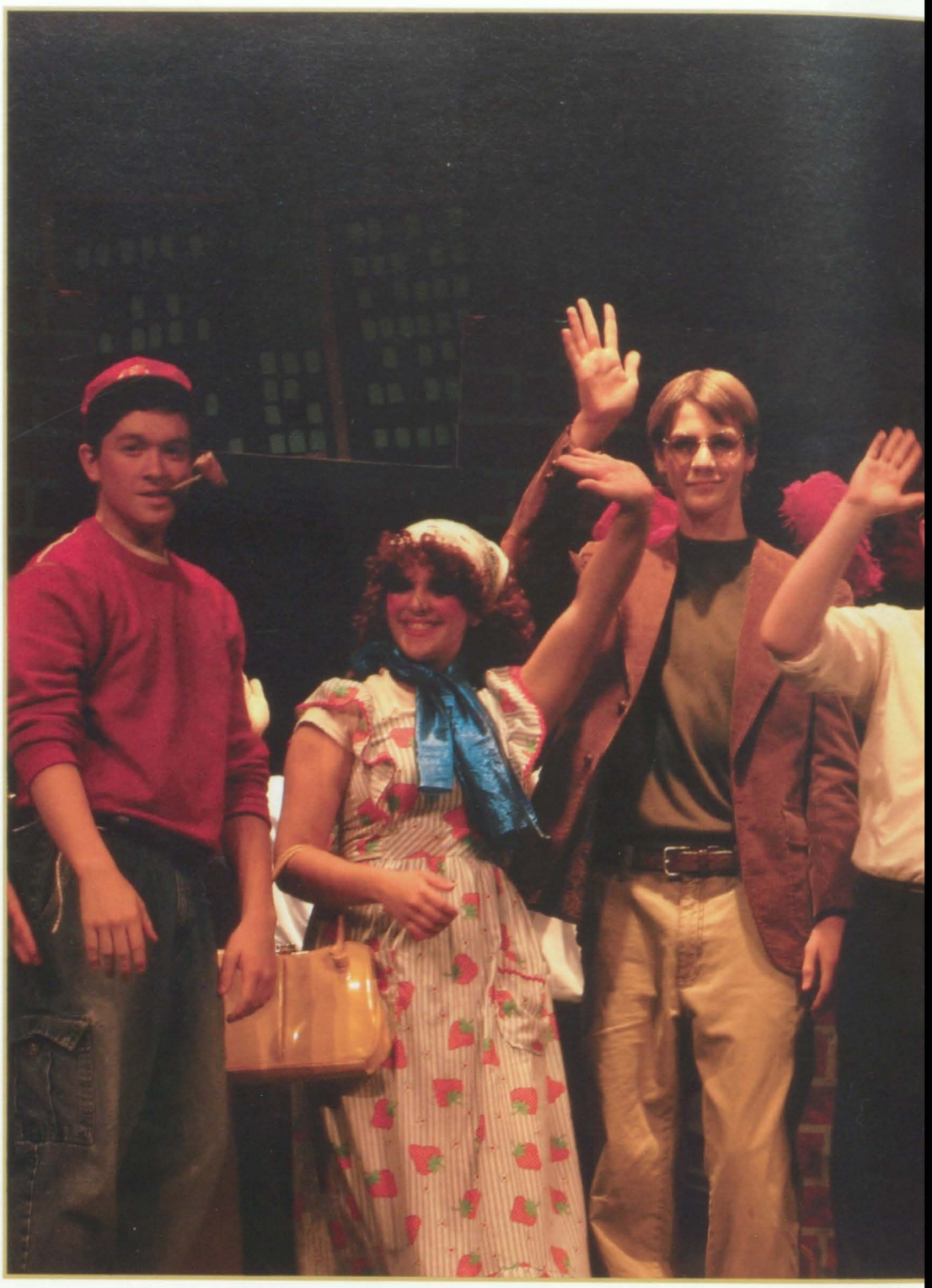
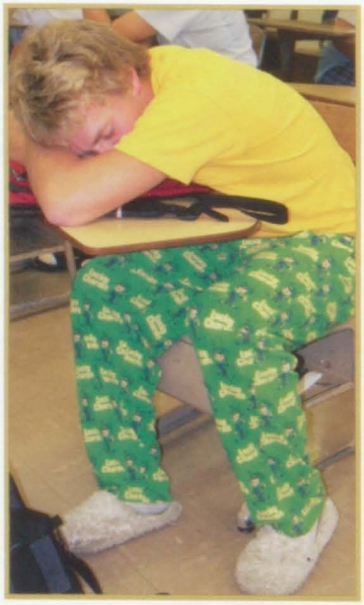
Happy Retirement Mrs. Bollman!

Thanks for fifteen years of dedicated service.

Au revoir. The cast of the fall play, *Ax of Murder*, waves in appreciated to their audience in Heritage Hall. This play, classified as a mystery, was the first of three plays performed by the Drama Club.



Honk shoooo... On pajama day during spirit week, junior Will Nester "rests his head" on his desk in Mrs. Kempland's U.S. history class. Due in part to the lack of uniforms, teachers had trouble keeping comfortable students focused and awake for class on pajama day.



Thumbs up. Junior Brian Thomas gives the thumbs up as he rests on the bench with fellow varsity boys soccer team members. "Snoop," as Brian was known to his teammates, played the defensive midfielder position in both junior varsity and varsity games.

WERE YOU...

captivated?

In the end they will depart with great wealth

- Genesis 15:14

In the end they will depart with great wealth... from friendships formed, lessons learned, knowledge shared, experiences had, and memories made. Students take with them both the ups and downs of the 2004-2005 school year. From football games to final grades, students take a piece of Althoff with them as they leave a little bit of themselves behind.

Experiences and memories may be similar for some students and completely different for others. The beauty here lies in the fact that these experiences and memories are uniquely your own; they shape who you are. You contribute to what Althoff is, and Althoff shapes you, whether or not you like it or are aware of it. As you can see, in the end things work out well. By the time you have made it through the year, it is obvious that you have been blessed in so many ways. Take with you not simply a transcript and a GPA. Hold tight to your memories, experiences, and emotions. Sit down and think back, WERE YOU THERE?

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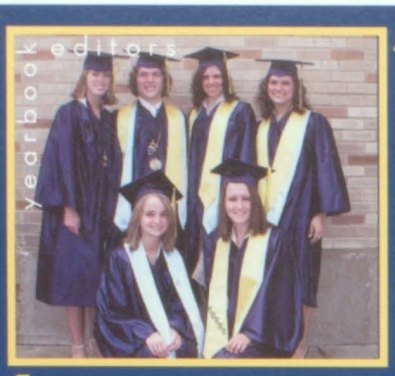

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this is yearbook

This year's Crusader marked the 40th anniversary of the Crusader at Althoff. Though technology changed dramatically over the past four decades, the effort and time that goes into creating a quality book has not. This marked the first all- four color, all digital book in Althoff's history.

The theme of Volume 40 of the Crusader , "Were you there?" was conceived by the editor-in-chief and further developed by other staff members at a 2004 summer workshop held in Springfield, Illinois by Walsworth Publishing Company. This theme was intended to allow students to reminisce about their high school experiences and think not only about where they were the past year, but also about how these experiences have shaped the people they have become. The theme had a two-fold meaning— both literal and figurative, biblical and secular. "Were you there?" was inspired by the Christian song which shares its name.

Each section of the book begins with a quote from the Bible which can be applied to students' lives and experiences. Each of these sections asks the readers "Were you…?" It seemed fitting to subtly incorporate the Christian faith into Althoff's yearbook because Althoff is a Catholic school. The underlying implications, ability to appeal to personal experiences, and the below-the-surface meaning of this simple question provided an angle for this year's book.

The 40th volume of the Crusader was a Smyth-sewn book, backed with 120-point binder's board utilizing a lithocote cover with satin laminate and a GR-29 leather grain with embossed theme. Cover design, which incorporated navy and gold formula colors, was designed with the creative help of graphical artist Michelle North at the Walsworth workshop. The final product was created though the combined efforts of two advisors, 28 staff members, and the assistance of Jon Kauffman, Michelle Spencer, and the Technical Staff of Walsworth Publishing Company.

Crafty Eye Photography took all portraits, as well as some team pictures and candid shots. The yearbook staff shot photos with a Camedia C- 50 50 Zoom and a Cannon EOSD60 digital cameras and scanned hardcopy photographs with UMAX Astra 610P Scanner. Four IBM clone computers, Adobe PageMaker 6.5, and Adobe Photoshop 7.0 were used to create the 220- page books, printed on Legend Matte 80 lb. paper. They were sold over an eight-month period priced from $42 to $55, with optional name and icon stamping at an additional cost. Orders for 525 books were taken over an eight-month period, and 550 copies were printed. Senior and business advertising contributed approximately $8,600 toward the yearbook's total $35,000 operating budget

The 2004 *Crusader*, themed *Hmmm…*, received the Golden Dozen Award from the Southern Illinois Press Association recognizing top-quality yearbooks from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri. The 2005 book was admitted into the Walsworth Publishing Company Gallery of Excellence. This is an honor given to less than five percent of Walsworth yearbooks nationwide for innovation in design and coverage.

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as something to be remembered.

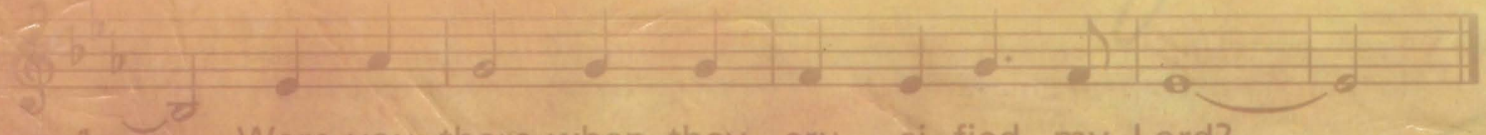
-Exodus 17:14

To see your face

Genesis 46.11

In the end they will depart with great wealth

Genesis 15.14



1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

No doubt you are intelligent folk

but are intelligent folk

Job 12. 2

Job 12. 2

And so it happened

Genesis 1.30

Go and gather

Genesis 46.11

A long time passed